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Amazing claims in royal book

Major row looms over revelations

Ed Vulliamy in Washington

THE long-awaited and feared book on the royal family by the American popular biographer Kitty Kelley will be published in New York tomorrow containing a string of extraordinary allegations about the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh, the Queen Mother and others — as well as some illuminating insight into the royals' lives and history.

The Guardian has obtained an advance copy of The Royals, two days ahead of publication. The copy of the book was obtained without payment, although other British newspapers have been trawling New York with open cheque books.

Ms Kelley is due to launch her book in front of a huge audience on NBC television tonight, after which its claims and allegations will, unavoidably, be in the public domain, via radio and the Internet, if not by other means.

The book cannot and will not be published in Britain, both for legal reasons and reasons of taste and decorum — especially during a time of public grief and mourning after the death of Diana, Princess of Wales.

Legal experts have already dubbed the book "The Royals' Spycatcher", a reference to Peter Wright's 1986 book about the security services which was banned in this country despite having been published in the United States.

One living member of the royal family is accused of vitriolic racialism and anti-Semitism. There are doubts cast on the lineage of the Queen, and there is close scrutiny of the Queen's deportment as a child and as a young princess courting the Duke of Edinburgh.

The book alleges serial marital infidelity by members of the royal family, of all generations. It casts scorn on some of the younger and newer members of the family, quoting people who knew them well — some of whom are named and others not.

The book on the royals that will not be published here

'Some figures close to heart of royal family are named as book's sources'

There are intimate details of the private world of the late Diana, Princess of Wales, the Duchess of York and the Queen. Hosts and hostesses of the Queen and Princess Margaret are quoted, with criticisms of the demands made on them by the royals.

Although much of the narrative is unsourced or comes from unnamed sources, figures close to the heart of the royal family are named and quoted in connection with some of the most extraordinary claims. They make bold criticisms of the way the royals have conducted, and continue to conduct, their private and personal lives.

Prominent among these is John Barratt, former private secretary to Earl Mountbatten, who describes what he calls the royal family's parsimony in stinging language.

The Duke and Duchess of Leeds describe intimate details of the Queen's and the Duke of Edinburgh's private life.

One source who speaks on the record about Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York, is the homeopath Stephen Maitin, who treated the duchess before her marriage to Prince Andrew.

The romantic novelist Barbara Cartland is another prominent source, particularly with regard to details on the lives of Earl Mountbatten and the young Prince Charles.

As the central allegations inevitably become known in Britain, they will cause acute controversy and invoke the wrath of an already besieged royal family, sharpening the already fractious air around the monarchy.

Moreover, the allegations will provide a litmus test for the newly promised self-restraint of the British press, testing the duration of its declared intentions.

In the US, however, the book will be a guaranteed and instant bestseller. A million copies have been printed, and there is likely to be a rush for film rights.

In her introduction, Ms Kelley says her work is the result of interviews with "hundreds" of former royal employees, many of whom have "known the Queen since childhood".

Ms Kelley quotes Lady Rothschild as warning her: "You must not write a book. We have to protect the royal family from themselves .... We don't need an objective book by an American. You're not supposed to be objective about royalty."

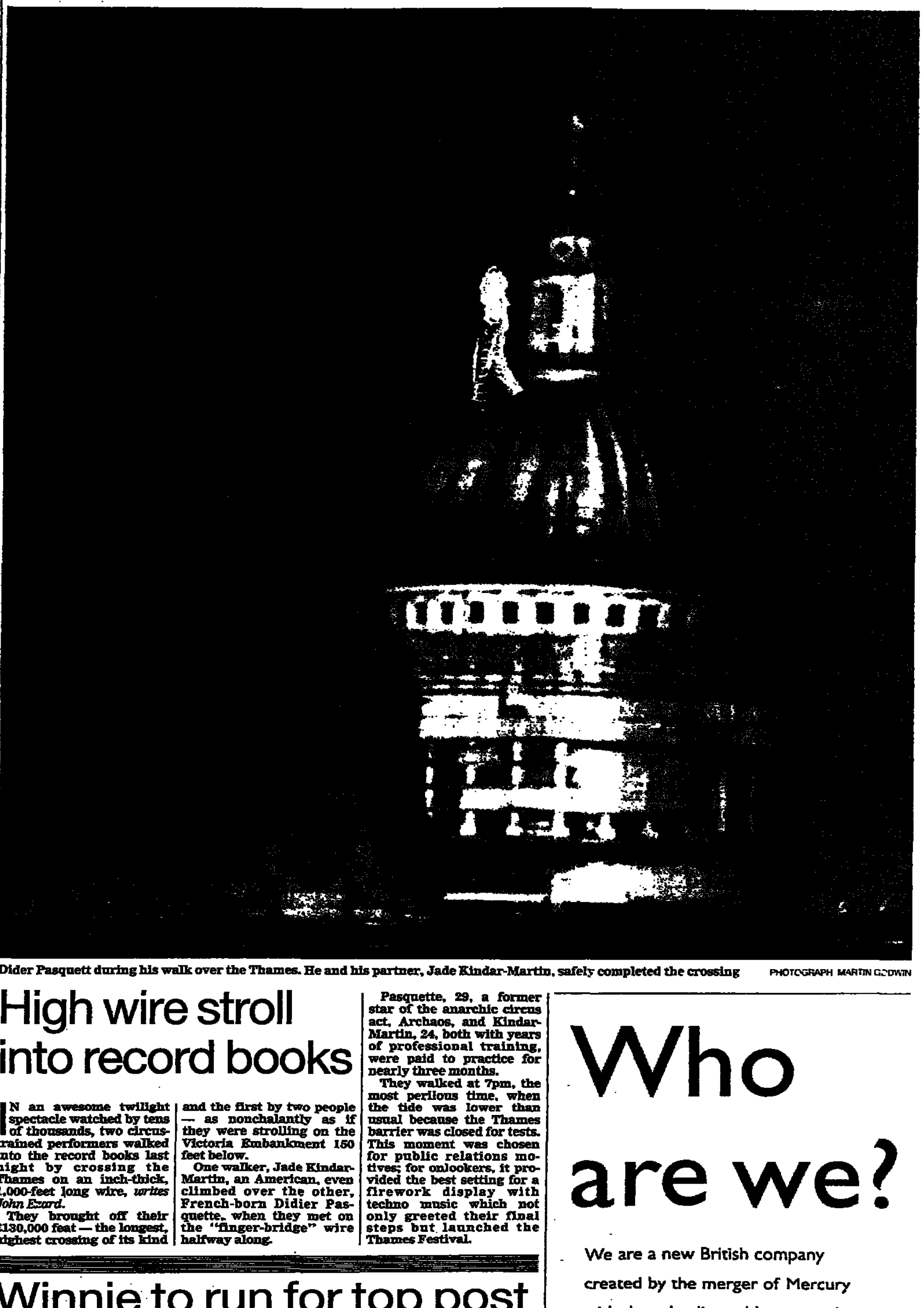
She credits a vast array of helpers in the British media, including the Guardian's Francis Wheen; Rosie Boycott, editor of the Independent on Sunday; Dominic Lawson, editor of the Sunday Telegraph; and Ian Hislop, editor of Private Eye.

Also acknowledged are the British writer Christopher Hitchens, a host of official US libraries, and Michael Cole, spokesman for Mohamed Al Fayed and a former BBC royal correspondent.

Ms Kelley, not known for modesty, begins her book by adapting a proverb to mention her own name: "If a cat may look on a king, so can a kitty."

Later, we learn that when the Queen visits, her hosts "must lock [their] cats in the stable, because Her Majesty abhors cats." She will certainly abhor this one.

Walking on air



Dider Pasquett during his walk over the Thames. He and his partner, Jade Kindar-Martin, safely completed the crossing PHOTOGRAPH MARTIN GODWIN

High wire stroll into record books

IN an awesome twilight spectacle watched by tens of thousands, two circus-trained performers walked into the record books last night by crossing the Thames on an inch-thick, 1,000-feet long wire, *writes John Ezard.*

They brought off their £130,000 feat — the longest, highest crossing of its kind and the first by two people — as nonchalantly as if they were strolling on the Victoria Embankment 150 feet below.

One walker, Jade Kindar-Martin, an American, even climbed over the other, French-born Didier Pasquette, when they met on the "finger-bridge" wire halfway along.

Pasquette, 29, a former star of the anarchic circus act, Archaos, and Kindar-Martin, 24, both with years of professional training, were paid to practice for nearly three months.

They walked at 7pm, the most perilous time, when the tide was lower than usual because the Thames barrier was closed for tests. This moment was chosen for public relations motives; for onlookers, it provided the best setting for a firework display with techno music which not only greeted their final steps but launched the Thames Festival.

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Hague attack backfires

Ewen MacAskill, Chief Political Correspondent

LABOUR last night rounded on Conservative leader William Hague, calling him sad and despicable after he accused Tony Blair of behaving shabbily over the funeral arrangements of Diana, Princess of Wales.

Mr Hague's intervention provoked an undignified war of words, the first political row over her death.

In a further setback, Mr Hague will wake up this morning to a defection from the Conservatives to the Liberal Democrats. The Lib Dem leader, Paddy Ashdown, will welcome into the fold Hugh Dykes, the former Tory MP for Harrow East, at a Westminster press conference this morning.

Mr Dykes, an MP for 27 years until he lost his seat in May, will say he is leaving the party because it is becoming increasingly anti-European under Mr Hague.

Reflecting Conservative Central Office belief that Mr Blair had hijacked the funeral for Labour ends, Mr Hague accused Downing Street of deliberately leaking confidential discussions with Buckingham Palace. Mr Blair's aim was to show the royal family in a bad light and himself in a good one, Mr Hague insisted.

Downing Street dismissed Mr Hague's allegations, portraying his behaviour as "tawdry" and insisting that press briefings in the week of the funeral had not only been to support Buckingham Palace but had been made with its blessing.

Mr Hague's attack backfired when the palace confirmed that the Queen had sanctioned the briefings. "We don't want to get drawn into a political dogfight, but the Prime Minister offered help as and when. They [Downing Street] participated in meetings and offered advice. It

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Winnie to run for top post

David Beresford in Johannesburg

WINNIE Mandela is to run for deputy leader of the African National Congress — a position which would probably give her the deputy presidency of South Africa if she won.

The latest twist in the real-life soap opera of the Mandelas came yesterday afternoon, when the ANC Women's League announced it would nominate Mrs Mandela as deputy president of the ANC at the ruling party's congress in December.

Mrs Mandela, who has been accused of personal involvement in a series of murders, has a good chance. At the ANC's last congress, in 1994, she came fifth in elections to the executive. She is likely to gain further support this time from ANC members frustrated by the limited achievements of the liberation movement in government.

If elected ANC deputy president, Mrs Mandela would be almost certain to become the country's deputy president when, as expected, Thabo Mbeki succeeds her former husband, Nelson Mandela, as president at the end of his term in 1999.

The announcement comes after a week's controversy surrounding fresh allegations that Mrs Mandela was involved in the murder of a teenager and a doctor — among other killings — in the late 1980s. A book written by a former British newspaper correspondent in South Africa, Fred Bridgland, accused Mrs Mandela of having personally stabbed Stompie Moeketsi Seipei, a 14-year-old murdered in Soweto in 1989.

The book also alleged that she ordered the murder of a Soweto doctor, Abu-Baker Asvat. The "Winnie scandal" dominated the South African press yesterday, with reports that Asvat's family is to request a new investigation into his death.

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Liam: 'star quality in an anorak' PHOTOGRAPHS: STEFAN ROUSSEAU

Radical move to symbolism-uh! as Oasis tour goes Pink Floyd

Review

Caroline Sullivan

Oasis
Westpoint Arena, Exeter

"IS it my imagination-uh!" So all-pervasive is the Oasis Effect that it is even influencing the pronunciation of everyday words. Three hulking boys were trudging across wet grass on a frosty West Country night, taking turns singing Cigarettes And Alcohol and punctuating every line with Liam Gallagher's trademark "uh". "It's a crazy situation-uh!" they yodelled, passing around an industrial-size bottle of cider.

Thus began Oasis's first British tour for two years. As even the most indifferent bystander knows, it's been a tumultuous period that saw the band nearly split, both Gallaghers marry and (What's The Story) Morning Glory become one of the best-selling albums in history. They're still at the very top of the rock heap, preternaturally resistant to attempts to dethrone them.

So why did they make the seemingly perverse decision to launch the tour in an 8,000-capacity venue (cupboard-size by their standards) far from the usual circuit? Because they can — and perhaps also to test songs from the new Be Here Now album in front of a smallish audience.

If that hints that the country's favourite beer-slurping, F-word-using, prime-minister-visiting icons have something new up their shabby cagoules, they have. Prepare to meet Oasis Go Floyd.

Pink Floyd's surrealism was what came to mind, anyway, when a red curtain dropped to reveal the stage set, moments before their entrance. Where once there was a stark backdrop bearing just the group logo, there is now a giant clock, the front half of a Rolls Royce with an SYD (as in Barrett) number plate and a red phone box, all of which appear on the Be Here Now sleeve.

No one has ever accused Oasis of profundity, but there is patently more to this than meets the eye. Take the clock: obviously a poignant recognition that even they will eventually be too old to flick V-signs. The truncated Roller, resting under Alan White's drum set: proof they're still mad enough for it to trash luxury cars. The old-style phone box: a metaphor for Noel's reverence for pre-phonecard traditional rock.

Well, it's as good an explanation as the real one, whatever that is.

The use of symbolism is radical for Oasis, but rest assured: the music is its arrogant, guitar-pounding old self. In fact, it's even more basic than before, if that's possible. They've dropped all pretentions to sensitivity, like Noel's dreaded acoustic spot, turned up the volume and got to work, confident of their position at the centre of the universe.

Once they'd shuffled on stage through the phone box door, it was a quintessential Oasis show. Liam assumed his baying-upward-at-the-mike pose (a stance practised only by him and Lemmy of Motorhead), and all was right with the world.

What is it that occurs whenever Oasis encounter an audience? There's a charge that elevates the tunes from the pretty good to the best-thing-ever, imparts star quality to a coarse bloke in a blue anorak (Liam) and makes new songs like Stay Young feel like old favourites.

Meanwhile, old favourites, like one that will henceforth be known as Champagne Super-fookin-nova, turned the barn of an arena into a heaving sweatbox.

Even Liam's taciturn announcements — "This is for Princess Diana: Live Forever" was quite an outburst for him — were cool and sexy. Never mind that the lack of video screens meant they were invisible to anyone standing more than 30 feet away. Never mind that Noel's guitar ability doesn't merit lengthy diddling at the end of every other song.

Oasis could go on like this for years — and probably will, since their habit of standing motionless means they'll never have to worry about old age slowing them down. They'll still be the most fun you can have with your cagoule on.

Front of a Rolls in Oasis stage set – like Be Here Now sleeve

Chancellor urges world financial leaders to accept tougher targets for helping poorest countries

Brown speeds debt relief

Alex Brummer
Financial Editor

THE Chancellor, Gordon Brown, will this week spearhead a global initiative to cancel the debt of the majority of the world's poorest countries by the year 2000.

In his first major speech on development issues, to be delivered tomorrow to the Commonwealth finance meeting in Mauritius, Mr Brown will set a series of bold targets for speeding up the process of relieving poor countries of an estimated $5.6 billion (about £3.5 billion) of Western debt.

Mr Brown shares the growing view among churches and other development activists that the world's financial leaders need to inject new urgency into the process of easing debt burdens if it is not to seize up because of indifference and shortage of funding.

Despite high hopes for the initiative when it was launched last year, only one country, Uganda, has cleared the obstacle course put up by financial leaders, and even it will not benefit until early 1998.

Mr Brown is prepared to revive the campaign for sale of gold reserves held by the International Monetary Fund to ensure his new targets are met. Gold sales have been blocked by the German government.

Mr Brown will propose that by the millennium, 75 per cent of the world's poorest countries, most in sub-Saharan Africa, will have in place schemes designed to cancel or relieve their debt with the IMF/World Bank and other official creditors. This will free domestic resources to invest in education, health and the relief of poverty.

Mr Brown will seek the support of the Commonwealth, and then the Group of Seven richest nations in Hong Kong on Saturday, for a number of proposals:

☐ Poor countries with reform programmes in place, including a degree of transparency in their financial affairs and plans to expand production, should receive urgent relief.

☐ All creditor countries should follow Britain's example and cancel repayment of existing aid loans.

☐ The official creditors' club which meets in Paris should be more flexible and go beyond the 80 per cent debt forgiveness proposed for countries like Mozambique.

☐ The World Bank should review the debt of the poorest countries to determine any gaps in debt relief not covered by existing plans.

☐ International financial leaders should look beyond existing plans to make sure the pressure is kept on for debt relief for all countries whose public spending is directed at production, rather than military spending or unnecessary prestige projects.

☐ Britain stands ready to provide technical assistance to countries which reshape their public finances and will urge other nations to do the same.

Despite the strong rhetoric from heads of government and financial leaders when the debt initiative was launched, it has been dogged by delays and bureaucratic snafus.

The IMF, which is a full partner with the World Bank in dealing with the issue, has not been able to raise the cash to carry it forward.

Ironically, Mr Brown's plan will add to the IMF's cash needs by speeding up the process.

However, the Treasury believes the additional pressure of targets will encourage countries to come forward with more resources and eventually lead to the freeing up of 5 million ounces of IMF gold for sale.

Finance ministers gathering in Hong Kong this week for the G7 and annual meetings of the IMF/World Bank will be told that four countries, Bolivia, Cote d'Ivoire, Burkina Faso and Mozambique, are close to the point at which relief can be considered.

If the Brown target is accepted, 14 of the world's 19 poorest indebted countries should be on their way to debt relief by the turn of the century, paving the way for a new start in Africa.

The decision to set tougher targets is Mr Brown's first venture into the development area since taking over as Chancellor in May. He is picking up the baton of debt relief which was first carried by his predecessor, the Tory Chancellor Kenneth Clarke.

Greenham Common fence at the ex-US Air Force base in Newbury falls to bolt-cutters handed out to commoners PHOTOGRAPHS: AUSTIN HARGRAVE

'Bizarre place: the men are on one side of the fence, women on the other'

John Vidal reports on a vexed return

Greenham Common fence falls at last

The women who claim their protests won back the site in Newbury were not invited

IT WAS meant to be easy. David Rendel, LibDem MP for Newbury, wielded the district council's ceremonial Big Blue Bolt-Cutters and snipped a thin strand of Greenham Common perimeter fence carefully prepared for him.

Surrounded by dozens of people who had never complained about having enough nuclear missiles to destroy the world parked on their doorstep, he leaned hard on the fence.

Nothing happened. The famous 10ft-high fence that was cut, decorated and watched over continuously by a generation of women for 18 years in protest against the cold war and nuclear weapons escalation swayed but stuck upright.

"Oi, Mr Rendel, can I show you how?", shouted one woman at the back of the queue waiting to enter the former United States air force base.

Mr Rendel, more used to sitting on the political fence when it comes to nuclear weapons and disputed bypasses, snipped another strand. The council lent their shoulders, the wire fell and 100 people of Newbury streamed through to reclaim some of the most disputed common land in British history.

First through were not the women, some of whom are now aged in their seventies and who spent years camped at the gates, but the authorities who set bailiffs on them and, over the years, dragged more than 5,000 people through the courts for trespass.

To celebrate the official return of the land, the council had not seen fit to invite the women or anyone from the peace movement. In a series of speeches, they managed to avoid all mention of the longest protest in recent history.

This was too much like censorship for Sarah Hipperson, who lost count of the number of times she was arrested or how many months she and others spent in prison. Taking the microphone, she announced that those assembled were "only here because of Greenham Women".

In seconds, she was shouted down by men in suits. As they cried "Nonsense", "We've had enough of you" and "Shove off, you scum", the women started to sing: "You can't kill the spirit. It's like a mountain."

"Bizarre place, Newbury. It's like the men are on one side of the fence, women on the other", remarked a veteran protester, Jennie Chesterton.

Newbury council, having sold the site to the Ministry of Defence for £6,500 in 1961, have set up a trust and bought back the massively polluted land for £7.5 million. For their money they get an industrial estate, Europe's longest runway, tanks that contained 800,000 gallons of aviation fuel, numerous silos, bunkers and miles of fence. They intend to turn the common into nature trails and charge local business to clean up the site.

Inside the camp, to the anger of the council which must keep this part of the site closed to allow the Russians to check there are no missiles stashed away, the women snipped through the last gates leading into "Gamma Zone" where the nuclear warheads and convoys were once stored.

Once protected by 43-ton steel doors and 6ft of concrete, the silos that cost many millions of pounds to construct and maintain are now open to the winds.

"I got a real sense of evil in there," said Jean Kaye, who spent 14 years in protest. "I can still remember the klaxons whenever they opened them and the convoys came out. We danced on top of them once."

Whistle blowers 'need help to combat fraud' at work

Richard Norton Taylor

HUNDREDS of employees successfully blew the whistle last year on fraud, malpractice and abuse of people in care, according to the annual report of Public Concern at Work, a charity which offers a confidential hotline to staff worried about unethical conduct.

Growing evidence of fraud and abuse demonstrates the urgent need for statutary protection for whistle blowers, said Guy Dehn, director of the charity.

A Public Interest Disclosure Bill giving statutory protection to whistle blowers is being drawn up by the Tory MP Richard Shepherd. It is modelled on a measure introduced last year by the Labour MP Don Touhig, but killed off by the Major government.

The bill, which would protect whistle blowers who act in good faith, was supported then by Tony Blair and Ian McCartney, now employment minister.

It is also supported by the Nolan committee on standards in public life.

Mr Dehn said yesterday: "The employee's duty of confidentiality is not akin to the Mafia's code of honour, as is so often implied. Business and public bodies do themselves no favours while they impose absolute silence on their people."

Rail firms face £½m fine for poor inquiry service

Regulator to impose even tougher penalties if targets are not met

Keith Harper
Transport Correspondent

THE rail regulator has lost patience with the privatised rail companies and will this week fine them more than £500,000 for failing to provide an adequate telephone inquiry service.

Yesterday's deadline set by the regulator, John Swift, passed with the companies falling well short of his objectives. He had set a target that 90 per cent of calls be answered within 30 seconds.

In June, Mr Swift disclosed that the service was chaotic and thousands of enquiries were being left unanswered. In July, he warned the train companies that they could be fined and gave them a month to fall into line.

When they failed to do so, he issued a formal 28 day enforcement notice in August, telling the companies that they would automatically be fined after September 14.

The regulator, who has been monitoring the service with the help of British Telecom, now has to decide the severity of the fine. It is based on a sliding scale which he has already set. Last night it was being suggested that it could be as high as £550,000.

Mr Swift's grip on the 25 operating companies who run the rail network will not be relaxed. If they fail to meet the 90 per cent target, they will face even more stringent fines in October.

The regulator's action will be welcomed by the Government. Without new legislation to regulate the industry, which receives £2 billion a year from the taxpayer, ministers have to rely on Mr Swift's limited powers to force companies into recognising that they must offer the public a proper service.

Because of parliamentary pressure, the Deputy Prime Minister, John Prescott, is unable to introduce rail legislation until the beginning of the parliamentary session in the autumn of next year.

The regulator has been watching the inquiry service throughout the summer after it was found to be reaching less than 60 per cent of his target.

The service has had a chequered history since its introduction last year.

Callers from Scotland to London have reported that they have been unable to get an operator, while those who have managed to get through have constantly claimed that they can never obtain information or that it is inaccurate.

The Association of Train Operating Companies, representing the 25 operators, including Virgin, Stagecoach, and National Express, last month confidently predicted that it would exceed Mr Swift's target.

Its system has been handling more than a million calls a week, up by more than 2,000 on last year's figures.

During the last month, pressure on the system has increased.

In the first week of the period, it dealt with a record 1.4 million calls and has only passed Mr Swift's 90 per cent target on isolated occasions.

The association said yesterday that it would have had to answer 98 per cent of all calls over the past fortnight to achieve the regulator's target.

It will consider what action to take when Mr Swift issues his decision.

There has been a widespread public reaction to the failure of the system to answer calls.

Critics say it has fallen apart because the companies have sub-contracted the service to cut-price operators on the basis of cost and not quality.

The association has no appeal, but it may seek a judicial review, claiming that it has been trying to improve the service and Mr Swift is being too tough.

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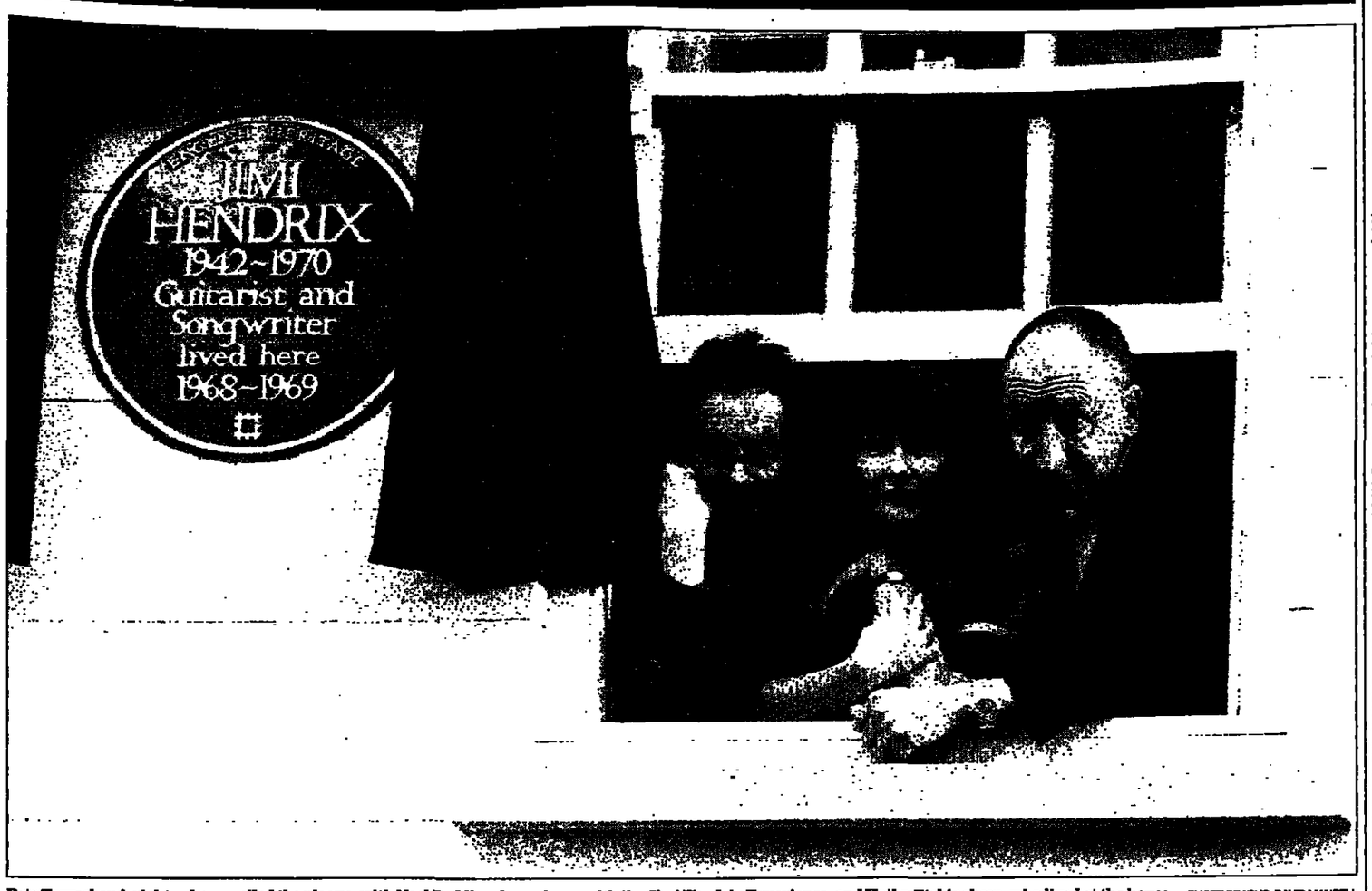
A first for guitar hero



Pete Townshend, right, who unveiled the plaque, with Noel Redding, bass player with the Jimi Hendrix Experience, and Kathy Etchingham, who lived at the house PHOTOGRAPHS: DAVID MANSELL

Hendrix joins the Handel blue plaque band

Stuart Millar

ALMOST unnoticed, the elderly man in the Jimi Hendrix baseball cap, squeezed uncomfortably against the crash bars, wept and smiled. Across the street, the world's media pointed their lenses at the pop stars who turned out to pay tribute to the guitar hero. For the elderly man, it was different: James Al Hendrix was here to remember his son.

Almost three decades after his death, Jimi Hendrix yesterday became the first rock star to be commemorated with a blue heritage plaque. On the wall of his former home at 23 Brook Street in the heart of Mayfair, the earthenware plaque unveiled by another guitar legend, Pete Townshend, declares: Jimi Hendrix, 1942-1970, Guitarist and Songwriter, lived here 1968-1969.

He may have lived in the house for only a year, but for his father, now 78, and his stepsister Janie, the occasion marked something of a homecoming.

Jimi Hendrix and right, stepsister Janie and father James Al Hendrix at the unveiling

"We always hoped that they would recognise Jimi and to have that happen in London is very special," said Ms Hendrix, who manages his estate. "He loved it here, this is where he was discovered and he had the best times here."

Hendrix's enduring appeal was underlined by the fans, who turned out in their hundreds. Twentysomething clubbers squeezed against Italian tourists clutching camcorders, while ageing rockers in headbands argued over great guitar solos.

When Hendrix moved into Brook Street with Kathy Etchingham, he was at the height of his fame, about to release his classic third album, Electric Ladyland.

Thirty years on, he was still causing controversy. Many of the fans were outraged to hear that their hero's father and sister had not been invited to the unveiling, but merely had heard about it while in London to promote a new Hendrix album.

"It's a disgrace," said Pat Salisbury, who had got there at 12.30 to be sure of a good spot only to be penned back to make way for the cameras. "It should be them that are over there posing for pictures beside Jimi's memorial."

There have also been rumblings of discontent from the occupants of number 25, which carries a blue plaque in remembrance of another great composer who loved to crank up the volume, George Frederick Handel. The Handel Society is reported to be annoyed, claiming that the Hendrix plaque marks a "dumbing down".

But Townshend was dismissive of such claims. "Not all performers in pop and rock do deserve this honour, but Jimi does ... he was so special, so extraordinary, he's up there for me with Miles Davis and Charlie Parker as somebody who was a virtuoso, an innovator. He was different, extraordinary and new."

Moment of fame

- Born in Seattle on November 27, 1942, Hendrix spent his most successful years in Britain where he came to fame.
- He arrived in September 1966 and his band, The Jimi Hendrix Experience, had its first hit single Hey Joe in December.
- During 1967 the group won European fame though it was little known in the US. That changed after the appearance at the Monterey Pop Festival where he doused his guitar with lighter fluid and burned it.
- Although the band split in 1969, he seemed destined for greater heights but died in London on September 18, 1970. He had inhaled vomit after overdosing on sleeping tablets.

Most sex offenders dodge list

Lucy Patton

UP to two-thirds of the sex offenders required to sign up for the paedophile register have failed to report to police. Probation workers have identified 2,200 convicted people who should be on the list, but by the registration deadline of midnight last night only about 700 to 800 had come forward.

Although it is thought most of those are simply hoping the fuss will pass over, a few hardcore paedophiles are thought to have gone underground by changing their addresses and identities.

Brian Mackenzie, president of the Police Superintendents' Association, called for the identities of the most dangerous paedophiles who have not registered to be published on the Internet.

The National Association of Probation Officers is required to tell all offenders on probation, parole or community service for serious sex crimes against women or children that they must report to police. It has identified about 2,200 who should be on the list, and has contacted 90 per cent of them.

But the assistant general secretary, Harry Fletcher, said: "This is a group of people who are devious, difficult and dangerous, and spend their lives avoiding the police, so it is not surprising some have not registered.

"At most 2 to 3 per cent of them will have absconded. Some will be keeping a low profile and hoping it goes away, others will be frightened of coming forward because they don't know what will happen to the information they are required to give."

When the Government launched the scheme in August, it predicted there would be 7,000 names, but recent police estimates suggest it will be closer to 1,400.

The Sex Offenders Act allows police to arrest anyone who had not signed on by last night, and those found guilty of evading registration can be fined £5,000 or sent to prison for six months.

Mr Mackenzie expected that most police forces would initially take a softly softly approach. "Clearly, we need to be sensible about it. We appreciate that the notice was fairly short and I am fairly relaxed about not everybody having registered."

He will, however, urge the Home Secretary, Jack Straw, in a meeting tomorrow, to take a tough line with the few considered to be most dangerous.

Labour rounds on Hague over funeral attack on Blair

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went quite well," a palace official confirmed.

The Welsh Secretary, Ron Davies, said: "William Hague ought to apologise to the Labour Party and the nation for trying to make that sort of suggestion. It's despicable."

The Conservative leader, the subject of a whispering campaign within his own party over his performance during the last few weeks, said that what had annoyed him about the funeral arrangements were "the apparent briefings to the press, that advice was given to the royal family that puts the Government in a good light and the royal family in a bad light".

"That's shabby politics and it's bad government and it is no way to support the royal family in the future."

Mr Hague, who will repeat the allegations in a speech to Conservative Central Office tonight, said: "I can't believe that has been done with the sanction or authority of the Prime Minister. Prime ministers give confidential advice to the royal family. But he should prevent it happening at any time."

A Downing Street spokesman said: "It is inappropriate that an event that brought the nation together should be treated by William Hague in this way, turning it into a tawdry affair."

But Labour does not escape unscathed. There was evidence yesterday that elements within Labour, knowing Mr Hague was to launch his attack, attempted to deflect it by providing details to Sunday broadsheets about Prince Charles's reported desire to abolish the £7.9 million Civil List, the state funding of the royal family.

Split Unionists go to the brink

Boycott could turn historic Ulster talks into damp squib

John Mullin
Ireland Correspondent

ULSTER Unionists were last night playing a game of brinkmanship ahead of the start of today's historic all-party talks on Northern Ireland's future. They will decide this morning at a meeting of their negotiating team whether to take their place at the table across from Sinn Fein.

Although the party's executive committee has left the tactics to the leadership, it wants the party to stay in the peace process. But its negotiators are split on what to do.

Several senior figures are opposed to entering proximity talks. One predicted this afternoon's talks at Stormont Castle would be "a damp squib". That would leave Sinn Fein facing a unionist boycott.

George Mitchell, the former US senator chairing negotiations, will demand from Sinn Fein an explanation for the IRA's comments last week that it had "problems" with the Mitchell principles of democracy and non-violence which Gerry Adams agreed last week.

The Democratic Unionist Party wants Sinn Fein excluded. Leader David Trimble, will take the final decision on Ulster Unionist tactics. There were some hints that his team might go to Stormont Castle today. One senior figure said: "You can be sure we will not leave the political stage to the cavorting of the IRA."

With the DUP and the UK Unionists refusing to attend, it is vital to the Government that Mr Trimble's team takes part. Paul Murphy, the Minister for Political Development, said the Ulster Unionists, the largest party in Northern Ireland, should confront Sinn Fein. "These talks should be inclusive. I hope that is going to be the case."

The Progressive Unionist Party and the Ulster Democratic Party, the loyalist fringe groupings, are expected to attend.

There is no set agenda for this afternoon's plenary session. But one option Mr Trimble will consider is whether to surprise Sinn Fein. By deciding immediately to go into round-table talks, the Ulster Unionists would score a considerable publicity coup. Such a move is unlikely for it could alienate its supporters.

But Tony Blair's intervention over the weekend soothed many Ulster Unionist worries. Writing in the Newsletter, Belfast's pro-Union morning newspaper, he effectively guaranteed the principle of consent.

He also sought to placate Unionist anger after last week's IRA interview. Mr Blair said: "Sinn Fein has signed up to the Mitchell principles. If they are dishonoured, for example by any return to violence by the IRA or front organisations for it, let there be no doubt that Sinn Fein will not be able to stay at the negotiations."

Mr Blair is also thought to have warned Mr Trimble that the peace process will proceed without his party. He said it would be counter-productive for the Unionist perspective.

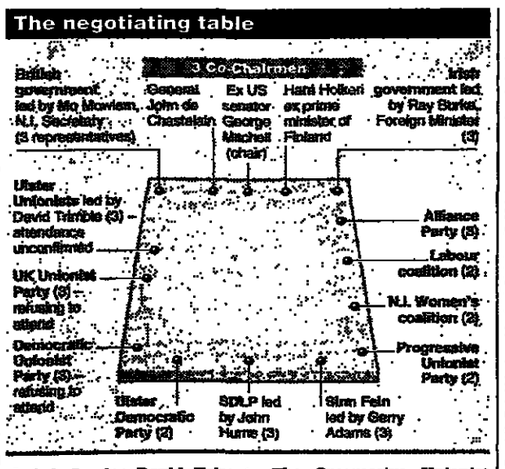
When asked yesterday whether there would be round-the-table negotiations, Ken Maginnis, the party's security spokesman, said: "You can rest assured the Ulster Unionists will not avoid the confrontation."

Mr Trimble told Breakfast with Frost yesterday he was still "cautiously exploring the options". He added: "We are determined, one way or another, that the Unionist voice be heard."

The indications are that the Ulster Unionists will go into round-table talks at some stage. But the timing is in doubt.

- The Government is confident it will be in a position to name all the members of the body which will oversee the decommissioning of weapons. It wants disarmament while the all-party talks proceed, and agreement on the body should give succour to the Unionists.

The negotiating table



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Little girls are still cast naked into the world and desperately in search of a costume. Boys are born knowing (and girls soon find out) that possession of a penis is all the label you need for life.
Clare Boylan reflects on an awkward age for women

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Ministers braced for public sector pay fight

Ewen MacAskill and John Carvel

MINISTERS are bracing themselves for an embarrassing row with public sector workers as the Treasury prepares to issue guidance to the pay review boards this week that there should be no relaxation of the tight public spending controls inherited from the Conservatives.

Stephen Byers, the school standards minister, underlined the Government's tough attitude yesterday when he dismissed head teachers' claims for an inflation-busting 10 per cent rise. The money should be spent instead on books, equipment and more teachers, he said.

He softened this by saying there could be higher pay to encourage the most skilled teachers to stay.

Head teachers submitted on Friday the 10 per cent pay claim they said was required to stave off a recruitment crisis, and health unions are also demanding big rises. Doctors and nurses are to submit their claims to the salaries review body tomorrow.

The Treasury, also putting forward its submission this week, is determined to stick to public spending ceilings inherited from the Tories.

"It is not our intention to have a row," said Mr Byers. "We will be firm but fair. The public sector unions will understand that. We want more money going into schools and hospitals rather than pay."

Another government source said: "No one expected a pay bonanza when they voted Labour."

While the Conservatives could easily shrug off protests from the public sector, confrontation with the unions will embarrass Labour, especially with its annual conference coming up.

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Union of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, the second-largest teaching union, warned yesterday that "sooner or later there's bound to be an explosion of anger among teachers. Industrial action can't be ruled out if teachers are going to be pushed down year after year".

The Government's hand was strengthened yesterday when the leader of the third largest teaching union said it would break with the recent practice of submitting a joint claim with the others.

Peter Smith, general secretary of the Association of Teachers and Lecturers, said the National Union of Teachers and NAS/UWT were "living in cloud cuckoo land" by insisting that maximum class sizes of 30 should become a condition of employment. "The likelihood that teachers will strike over pay is very low," he said.

Christine Hancock, general secretary of the biggest nursing union, the Royal College of Nursing, noted that ministers were in line for 20 per cent pay rises. "It seems to me incredibly insensitive that the people at the top of the decision-making process are taking such enormous pay rises while asking nurses and others in the public sector to accept virtually nothing," she said.

"We want decent rises for our members because there is evidence of a shortage of nurses ... There is not a shortage of people wanting to be cabinet ministers."

Mr Byers told GMTV's Sunday Programme with Alastair Stewart: "I think it's disappointing that the first thing a general secretary of a teacher union does is threaten that they're going to go on strike, when in fact we've had the first tranche of new money coming into the education service for many a year."

He confirmed the Government wanted sound public finances, so would stick to the agreed two-year public spending limits.

The Budget made more than £1 billion extra available for education: "But we want that money spent on more teachers so we can reduce class sizes. We want to spend it on books and updating equipment. Those have got to be the priorities."

Sunseekers enjoy some late summer weather as Kate Rafferty and Tony Fletton collect rubbish from the beach at Swyre Head, Dorset, on what has become an annual beach sweep. Volunteers have spent up to two weeks cleaning along the south-west coast PHOTOGRAPH: DAVID MANSELL

Model student 'a special case' after pupils' deaths

School plea to halt boy's deportation

Duncan Campbell

A SOUTH London school, two of whose pupils have been murdered this year, is asking the Home Office to intervene in the deportation of one of its other students.

The local MP is to meet a Home Office minister to argue that the unique events at the school over the past nine months mean that a special case can be made for the boy to stay.

Diego Occasiones, a Colombian, aged 15, came to this country four years ago with his parents and younger brother. His father, who had been a trade union activist, sought political asylum which he has not been granted. He has been told he is liable to be deported at any time.

Diego attends Kidbrooke school, in Kidbrooke, south-east London. His head teacher, Trisha Jaffe, describes him as a model student who has many friends in the school and, as a monitor, has responsibility for younger pupils. In January this year, Carl Rickard was attacked outside the school with a machete by Nathan Brown, a boy from a neighbouring school who claimed to be a member of a Triad gang.

Carl was struck on the head and died in hospital two weeks later. Last week Brown, aged 16, was convicted of murder at the Old Bailey and ordered to be detained at Her Majesty's pleasure.

Many pupils at Kidbrooke school saw the attack and many of them were interviewed by police. A number gave evidence anonymously at the trial.

In May, another pupil, Kirsty Tidman, aged 14, disappeared. Parts of her dismembered body were found in the Thames but her head has never been recovered.

Her cousin, Paul Pearson, committed suicide after being questioned by police, who are certain that he killed the girl. Her inquest was held earlier this month. Diego Occasiones knew both Carl and Kirsty.

Ms Jaffe, who took over as head last year, believes that the deportation of Diego would have a traumatic effect both on him and on fellow pupils who have already recently lost three close friends: a third pupil was killed in a car accident.

"We are now faced again with this overlapping loss," she said.

Pupils and their parents have signed petitions to the Home Office citing the extraordinary circumstances in which Diego finds himself. The borough's chief psychiatric social worker also believes that the case merits special attention.

The family's lawyer, Douglas Noble, has taken the issue to judicial review, but without success.

Today Nick Raynsford, the Labour MP for Greenwich and Woolwich, is due to meet Mike O'Brien, Home Office minister with responsibility for immigration, to put Diego's case.

Yesterday Mr Noble said he hoped that, because the case would create no precedent, Mr O'Brien would be able to intervene.

Fresh hope for primaries

John Carvel
Education Editor

AT LEAST 7,000 primary schools where pupils are making insufficient progress at reading and writing are to be targeted by the Government for the most intensive programme of teacher retraining and support ever mounted in the education service.

Ministers think this intervention is needed to increase the proportion of 11-year-olds who reach the expected standard of literacy from 57 per cent in 1996 to 80 per cent before the next election.

The plan will be announced today in the final report of the literacy task force set up by David Blunkett, the Education and Employment Secretary, before Labour came to power. It recommends retraining for all 190,000 serving primary teachers to provide them with better classroom techniques. A daily "literacy hour" will be introduced, and parents encouraged to help with homework.

But the task force concludes that this basic programme for prioritising literacy in all primary schools will not be enough to achieve the national target.

"We believe that between 40 and 50 per cent of schools nationally will require more intensive support. These will be schools either serving areas of social disadvantage where attainment is low, or those where performance is relatively poor," the report says.

These schools would receive "therapy" lasting four terms, and consultants to organise and monitor the improved teaching methods. About 10 per cent of schools would be selected next year in the first wave of a programme lasting until 2002. The report says teachers should not be blamed for the low standard of literacy. "Their teaching method is often based upon a distant recollection of what they learned when they trained and their experience since then." Previous governments called for improvements in literacy, but their "unconnected worthy initiatives" failed to provide either the back-up or the incentives. Primary teachers would benefit from a more co-ordinated approach. "Instead of finding themselves the beleaguered targets of public criticism, we hope [they] will come to see themselves as playing a leading part in a major social transformation."

The report promises funds for retraining, and suggests the national curriculum may have to be slimmed down when it is revised in 2000 to give teachers more of a say in how they teach minor subjects and use more time for literacy and numeracy.

Michael Barber, the task force chairman and head of the standards and effectiveness unit at the Department for Education and Employment, said there had never before been such an ambitious development programme.

Stephen Byers, the school standards minister, said the report gave a clear picture of how the Government targets could be achieved. "It provides a step-by-step guide for local education authorities."

Editors respond to outrage over Diana's death with self-regulation on intrusive photographs in readiness for new code of practice

Sunday tabloids join picture ban

Stuart Millar

THE backlash against the paparazzi continued yesterday when Sunday tabloid newspapers promised they would no longer publish intrusive pictures, in an attempt to distance themselves from the outrage following the death of Diana, Princess of Wales.

The move, led by a thundering editorial in the News of the World and echoed in the Sunday Mirror and the People, brings the papers into line with their daily counterparts, which last week announced similar bans in response to Earl Spencer's biting attack on the press during Diana's funeral.

The News of the World said the circumstances of Diana's death "highlighted the conduct of roving bands of thugs with cameras who operate on the underbelly of the newspaper world".

Michael Fabricant, MP for Lichfield and a member of the Commons' culture, media and sport select committee, welcomed the move. "The public mood is now ready for curbs on the press, so the newspapers have to show they can deliver a workable and sustainable restraint that will not merely last for the short period of grief over Diana, but for the years to come as well."

Lord Wakeham, chairman of the Press Complaints Commission, the industry's self-regulatory body, has already consulted editors about the tragedy. He is expected to issue a new code of practice shortly after the PCC meets on September 24.

Lawyers for the nine photographers and one driver arrested after the crash believe they will not stand trial since medical tests have shown that Dodi Al Fayed's chauffeur, Henri Paul, was drunk and under the influence of drugs.

The News of the World said it would follow the present code, which forbids long-range shots of people on private property and the "merciless stalking and pursuing" of people in the news. "Every other newspaper should have the courage to do the same instead of fighting squalidly among themselves as they scramble for the moral high ground," it said. The paper will now demand that photographers and picture agencies around the world follow the rules or face a ban on their photographs. A ban on publishing pictures of Princes Harry and William without their father's permission is already in place.

The Sunday Mirror also said it would respect the privacy of the princes. Bridget Rowe, its editor, wrote: "All I ask you is to give us time to prove ... we care for the royal family and its future."

However, today the war of words continued between the Daily Mail and the Daily Telegraph about the media's treatment of Diana. Charles Moore, the Telegraph's editor, attacked the system of self-regulation.

But in today's Media Guardian Paul Dacre, the Mail's editor, hits back, accusing Mr Moore of cynically exploiting the issue to gain competitive advantage. "At the very time when calm and collective action are needed by all papers in concert, Mr Moore is engaged in a jihad."

Shoppers cleared the shelves of Elton John's tribute record within minutes of the Virgin Megastore in Dudley opening on Saturday morning

If you think hot's uncool for dare you're not so baft

Dan Glaister
Arts correspondent

IT ALL used to be so simple. Bad meant good, and wicked was even better. Now it's all changed. A new dictionary of slang reveals that if you use the term "wicked" you are either still at primary school or are extremely uncool, possibly both.

And when you want to say that something is good, forget bad. "Dare", for British teenagers, is about as good as it gets. As one 16-year-old boy says: "Don't say bad, because it's a stressed out word. And stressed out means something which we don't approve of."

Tony Thorne, editor of the new edition of Bloomsbury's Dictionary of Contemporary Slang, who spent three years working on the book, said that despite the arrival of the Internet, the best way to discover the language people use is to go out and listen to it.

"You have to hang out in as many low-life locations as you can," he said.

"Cardboard City, football matches, raves. I have to go in disguise because I'm in my forties ... the drug addicts and football hooligans have always been very nice, though."

Although the Internet has empowered a new group of slang-users who previously would never have written their language down, it has spawned quite a conservative group of linguists, he said. "There are hundreds of websites on slang. It shows how completely beyond the control of the OUP-type lexicographers they are." The glossaries, though, tend to be the same couple of hundred words repeated.

"Slang is alive and well, though. The fact that much underground culture has become overground culture means there's not the same need for the kind of secret code that slang offered. But it has the positive effect ... that people aren't ashamed of using slang."

The root of much slang is a desire not to be understood by those outside your group. Young people, particularly boys, have extensive, fast-evolving slang.

The Dictionary of Contemporary Slang, edited by Tony Thorne, is published by Bloomsbury on September 25 at £18.99

Diana crash: French police discount 'black car' reports

Alex Duval Smith in Paris

FRENCH police yesterday quashed claims that manoeuvres by a dark-coloured small car may have contributed to the crash which killed Diana, Princess of Wales, Dodi Al Fayed and their driver.

A police source said: "We are 98 per cent certain that there was no car hindering Lady Di's Mercedes in the underpass. Similarly, we have ruled out a prang with another car immediately before the crash, even though red plastic from a rear light was found in the underpass."

Since the crash on August 31, several people close to the management of the Ritz Hotel, owned by the Al Fayed family, have spoken of a black Peugeot 205 which "cut up" Diana and Dodi's car.

They have claimed that the Peugeot 205 was working for photographers pursuing Diana and Al Fayed. The claim resurfaced again yesterday in an interview given to the Mail on Sunday by Alexander "Kes" Wingfield, a bodyguard for Dodi's father. Mr Wingfield, aged 32, assigned by Mr Al Fayed to guard Diana, said that a small black Peugeot swerved in front of a car taking the couple from Le Bourget airport to central Paris on the afternoon before the crash.

Legal sources have confirmed that the investigation is now focused on Paul who was found to be three times over the French blood-alcohol level.

Candle In The Wind becomes fastest-selling single in a day

Emily Sheffield

ELTON JOHN'S tribute single to Diana, Princess of Wales, rocketed straight to No 1 yesterday, having gone platinum in a day and become the fastest-selling single of all time.

Candle in the Wind 1997 sold more than 600,000 copies on its first day, according to Music Week magazine, and is likely to beat the current record holder, Band Aid, which sold 3.5 million overall.

The tribute has easily outstripped Oasis's hit D'You Know What I Mean? which took three days to sell 250,000 in July. Most No 1 singles sell only about 75,000 in the week they top the charts.

Music shops all over the country had sold out by lunchtime Saturday — some introducing rationing — after people queued for hours, many since Friday night, to snatch up their £3.99 CD or cassette.

Mercury Records brought in 1,000 extra staff to its main pressing plant yesterday to get 1,000,000 extra copies to stores by this morning.

The single — a rewritten version of Elton's 1970s tribute to Marilyn Monroe — is expected to raise at least £10 million for the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund.

Tony Brown from Music Week said that it was unlikely the record would be the Christmas No 1: "People will have wanted to get their grief out of the way, and the new Spice Girls album is out in a few weeks.

"I think that will knock Elton off top spot."

Band Aid sold nearly 750,000 copies in its first week, a figure likely to be broken today.

It is not yet known how many records each shop will receive but a spokesperson from Tower Records said they were preparing for similar scenes to Saturday.

Many shops even had to introduce rationing as some were asking for a 100 copies at a time.

● Books of condolence at Kensington Palace will remain open until Sunday, from 8am to 8pm daily.

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Devolution: Wales

Labour turns up pressure in Wales

Michael White on hopes of an electoral hat-trick for the Government

THE Labour leadership yesterday launched a last push to clinch a 1997 election hat trick with a Yes vote on Thursday for Welsh devolution.

With the Guardian's Focus Group today revealing deep fears over the north-south divide within the principality, and doubts about the limited Welsh assembly package, senior ministers insisted that the plans were tailor-made for Wales. "I am not asking for a copycat vote," said the Scottish Secretary, Donald Dewar, who flew to Cardiff to join forces with his Welsh counterpart Ron Davies, amid dire warnings from the No camp that the UK is on the slippery slope to breaking up.

Touring the crowded Splott Market, on the site of Cardiff's old East Moors steelworks, Mr Dewar brushed aside Paddy Ashdown's warnings of complacency behind the slogan which the two ministers had just unveiled outside Cardiff city hall: "Scotland Votes Yes. Don't Let Wales Be Left Behind."

Mr Ashdown had told GMTV that "the Welsh people are not going to be told what to do by the Scottish people.

"Let's not say that because Scotland has done this, Wales must do it too."

Mr Dewar, however, refused to take offence, and he insisted that the support that Labour's blueprint was getting from both the Liberal Democrats and Plaid Cymru was all a part of a "happy" campaign. "I believe the people of Wales will vote Yes on Thursday in large numbers.

"I am not asking for a copycat vote. It is a decision for Wales," he said, appealing for Welsh support behind what he called the wider modernisation of the British constitution.

Mr Davies, fighting to consolidate his cabinet position by delivering Labour's third poll victory since John Major called the general election, rejected fears of a north-south divide in Wales exposed by the Guardian's Focus Group reports today. "We have built into the assembly proposals a number of specific proposals to allow a distinctive voice for North Wales. At the moment all power is in Cardiff without a democratic voice," he said, referring to the powers held by successive secretaries of state in Wales. "In future power will still be in Cardiff but the people of North Wales will have a distinctive voice" in a democratically elected assembly.

There would be a statutory committee representing North Wales's interests in the 60-member assembly, and 20 of those members would be elected by proportional representation expressly designed to ease fears of one-party domination or domination by South Wales.

Pro-devolution campaigners fear a cripplingly low turnout, and big guns are being sent to whip up interest. Tony Blair will visit tomorrow.

Donald Dewar (left), the Scottish Secretary, and Ron Davies, Welsh Secretary, campaigning in Cardiff yesterday PHOTOGRAPH: JEFFREY MORGAN

The Just Say No campaign complains of intimidation of Labour dissidents — including reported threats to deselect its five dissenting MPs — and of dirty tricks against them.

They point to the cost — £100 million over four years — of running an assembly, and predict that the unaccountable "quango state" in Wales will not be dismantled.

Lurking beneath their campaign is a fear that an assembly even without the legislative or tax raising powers granted to Scotland will be a stepping stone to separatism. "Some people say we will be like Ireland in five or 10 years," Carys Pugh, one of the few Labour activists involved in the No campaign, said yesterday.

The dissident MP Llew Smith, who is running his own campaign separately from the No camp, claimed that Scottish Nationalist predictions of independence within a decade proved the case.

Mr Davies said that following Scotland's vote "the status quo is not an option" since London and possibly Northern Ireland would soon be getting a devolved government.

As for simmering fears of nationalism, many people are insisting the Welsh Language Act and Welsh language TV have taken much of the menacing edge off the issue.

William Hague, the Tory leader and last Welsh secretary, warned again that Wales would be getting "the worst of both worlds, losing influence in the UK and getting a talking shop ... the most expensive roomful of hot air in the history of this country".

Why the Welsh are wary of going it alone

If Wales votes Yes on Thursday, what next?
Legislation for an executive, but not a law-making assembly, will be tabled in the autumn and should receive Royal Assent next spring, or early summer. Elections should be held in 1999, with the new, 60-strong body expected to hold its first meeting by 2000.

While 40 members will be elected by the present first-past-the-post system, a further 20 will be drawn from party lists — forming a top-up system of proportional representation.

This means that the proportion of seats held by each party will match its share of the vote (in contrast to the present system in which Labour has 85 per cent of the Welsh seats with only 55 per cent of the vote).

Why can't it make, or amend laws like a Scottish Parliament, and have power to raise taxes?
Because a desire for statehood is not as strong in Wales. Plaid Cymru's support, at 10 per cent, is less than half the SNP's standing. Wales has voted 4-1 against devolution once — in a 1979 referendum.

In addition, a cross-party convention, on which the recent devolution white paper was partly based, achieved a degree of consensus in Scotland; there was no such body in Wales — leaving critics to complain that proposals for an assembly are the product of a private, internal debate within a divided Welsh Labour Party.

What will a Welsh Assembly do?
Not much more than the Welsh Office (established in 1965) already does, but it will be more democratically accountable.

With the £7 billion annual block grant it gets from Westminster, it handles most domestic government, from education to health, agriculture, roads, and planning — by funding in large measure local councils. Unlike Scotland, however, it does not oversee home affairs and the judiciary. There is no separate Welsh legal system.

How will a ruling administration work?
A powerful cabinet-style committee, drawn from the majority party — or maybe from a coalition, if one party has no outright control — would have considerable policy-making powers, according to the Government last week. This could, presumably, act as a channel to a Welsh Secretary of State — who will still sit in a British cabinet — and, in effect, help to initiate legislation at Westminster.

If Wales votes No, what then?
The status quo would prevail. A Welsh Secretary would remain in the Cabinet, overseeing the £7 billion block grant, and Plaid Cymru would complain that Labour had effectively botched the whole process by not developing a Scottish-style consensus.

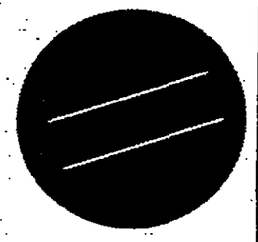
Upbeat Scots boost support for Yes campaign

THE Guardian today continues its Voice of the Voter forum to discover what impact the Welsh devolution referendum campaign is having.

Following a similar exercise in Scotland, which detected a switch to the Yes camp in the final week of campaigning, the polling company ICM selected a representative sample of voters and divided them into four groups — two each in Cardiff, and Bangor, North Wales.

The aim is to address the fears and aspirations behind the conventional polls.

PETER HETHERINGTON reports



North–South divide on culture and language transcends suspicion of the English

Politics

SWEEPING support for a Scottish parliament last week appears to be slowly pushing some undecided Welsh voters towards backing Labour's plans for a Cardiff assembly.

Although generally unenthusiastic about the prospect of devolution, members of the Guardian's four focus groups, divided between North and South Wales, indicated they could be swayed by a substantial Yes vote in Scotland — the Government's main reason for having the Welsh referendum a week after the Scottish poll.

Despite splitting fairly evenly between the Yes and No camps, with a fair proportion either undecided or uninterested — in line with conventional opinion polls — respondents still thought the Government's plans were a "sop" to Wales, tacked on to the Scottish proposals with little thinking.

Even Plaid Cymru officials were hedging their bets until recently — and Lowri, a young Plaid voter in Cardiff, underlined their concern. Initially doubtful about whether the Welsh would have the stomach to follow her by voting Yes, she felt that overwhelming support in Scotland "would give people confidence".

Yet she had also been discouraged by the mood from onlookers at a Yes rally she recently attended. "The unfortunate thing is people are going to say no," she said. "They ask if it will be cost-effective in the end."

Respondents in our four panels complained that an assembly, which will have no tax-raising or legislative powers, will be toothless, an irrelevance and a waste of money. "I don't think it will change what happens to the ordinary person very much," said Phil, an undecided Liberal Democrat voter in Cardiff.

Anita, who describes herself as a "No waverer," agreed: "Most people don't want it. Scotland has been building up to go its own way for a long time. I don't think we're fully prepared for it."

All our respondents felt the issue had arrived so quickly, with little national debate until recently, that many voters were unclear about the meaning of devolution. "If I asked my neighbour what devolution is she would say it is something you spray on your cat," said Anita.

In North Wales, devolution appeared a strange, foreign word to our first panel of Welsh speakers, most of whom ironically supported Plaid Cymru. Surprisingly, these younger respondents did not associate support for Welsh nationalism with automatic backing for devolution; for them, Plaid simply appeared a party for Welsh-speakers, and little else. "Devolution doesn't mean anything to me," said Keith, who asked what it meant.

During our main questioning, before last week's Scottish referendum, the Guardian's pollsters, ICM, noted: "The general feeling is that people in Wales will vote No because Wales has nothing to gain by it and more to lose."

Much of this uncertainty was based on a feeling that devolution would loosen the bonds between the principality and the rest of Britain. This led to fears that Westminster might cut the annual £7 million block grant used to fund the Welsh Office.

The mood appears to be changing slightly — but whether it is enough to deliver a Yes in three days' time is another matter.

Identity

BITTER cultural and linguistic divisions between North and South Wales transcend a more general suspicion of England throughout the principality, according to the Guardian's focus groups.

While people from North Wales believe southerners are taking all the best jobs, many people in the greater Cardiff area — the main population centre of the country — clearly feel the northerners are a race apart.

A young man in Bangor, Gwynedd, said he thought South Wales was booming — unlike his own area. Another said: "They're getting all the cream. There is hardly anything up here, apart from tourism."

Our findings suggest this lack of cohesion, or truly national identity — which is in sharp contrast to Scotland — could prove an obstacle for the Yes campaign in Wales. The question is whether enough voters can be mobilised to win a substantial majority in favour of devolution.

The Yes campaign will not be helped by the influx of English immigrants over the past few years, principally people who have retired to the North Wales coast from Greater Manchester and Merseyside, and businesses which have moved to the prospering Cardiff area.

To the horror of some of our respondents about a fifth of voters in Thursday's referendum will be English. "But we are a nation," said June, a middle-aged woman in Bangor. "We have our own culture and language. We have roots. I do not know if an English person would have roots like ours."

Iola, a younger woman in Bangor, voiced a familiar concern. "The English are buying houses, investing money and we are still struggling."

But in spite of this hostility towards the English, many Welsh speakers in North Wales look to Liverpool or Manchester as their natural capital city, rather than to Cardiff.

Not surprisingly, some in the south appear to have a similar loathing of northerners. A housewife in one of our two Cardiff groups implied she felt threatened in the north. She said that the hairs on the back of her neck rose when she went into a shop there because she had difficulty speaking Welsh.

While few respondents spontaneously raised devolution as an issue, the question of national identity, or regional identity within Wales, prompts real passion in Bangor and Cardiff.

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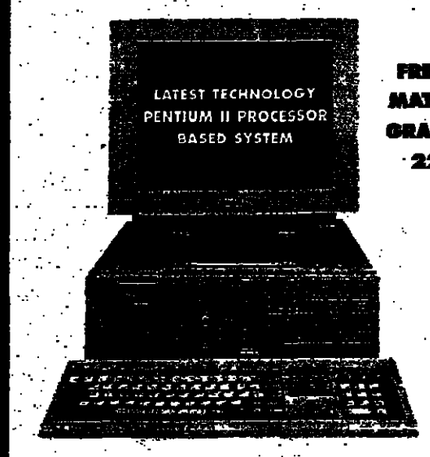

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How S-For foiled coup by Karadzic

Jonathan Steele in Sarajevo reports on a night when tough talking, diplomacy and military force averted the biggest threat to regional peace in two years

AFTER a night of telephone calls to the White House, British troops and a cigar-smoking retired United States air force general last week narrowly averted the biggest threat the two-year-old peace process in Bosnia has faced.

The crisis in the Bosnian Serb heartland of Banja Luka on Monday night, when armed thugs tried to seize the presidential palace and television transmitter, was far greater than was admitted.

Interviews with local security officials, international negotiators and eyewitnesses suggest the indicted war criminal Radovan Karadzic masterminded the coup attempt against his rival, the Western-backed Bosnian Serb president Biljana Plavsic. President Slobodan Milosevic of Yugoslavia also backed the coup bid.

Just before midnight on Monday, when hundreds of thugs threatened to break barricades manned by local police, White House and state department agreement was sought for British troops to use lethal force if necessary.

The tough decision was in marked contrast to Nato behaviour in the strategic town of Brcko two weeks ago, when US troops gave way to a much smaller group of stone-throwing Bosnian Serbs.

Local police put the shift in tactics down to the different military approach adopted by British commanders in whose region Banja Luka comes, but also to the no-nonsense, tough-guy style of Jacques Klein, an ex-USAF general.

Mr Klein, deputy to the International High Representative for Bosnia, the Spaniard Carlos Westendorp, had flown to Banja Luka on Monday afternoon. "He found a scene of confusion," a senior police source said.

Mr Klein immediately countermanded orders from the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe to allow a rally by anti-Plavsic supporters to go ahead in the centre of the largest Bosnian Serb town despite the local police having discovered hand-grenades and guns in demonstrators' cars.

With a force of only 1,200 men at their disposal, the police could only afford to send a few hundred to Klasnice, 10 miles to the north of the city, where they decided to block the 54 buses carrying about 3,000 protesters. Identity checks later showed that many demonstrators were out-of-uniform special police loyal to Mr Karadzic, the former Bosnian Serb president.

"The local police said their contacts in Pale on Sunday heard the Pale police urging people to take the free buses to Banja Luka," said Jozsef Boda, the regional commander of the international police forces in Banja Luka.

> 'Klein threatened Krajisnik he would use all necessary force against the bus people'

"Our contacts advised us Karadzic himself was behind the coup," said Predrag Ceranic, the head of state security in Banja Luka.

Angus Ramsay, the British commander of the Nato-led Stabilisation Force in the Banja Luka sector, ordered a Dutch company from Jajce in the Bosnian Federation to cross into the Serb entity to help the two British and one Czech companies which were supporting the local police.

While flackjacketed Bosnian Serb troops loyal to President Plavsic took up positions around the presidential palace, British troops thrust containers across the road from Klasnice. Tension escalated later in the evening when one of the thugs shot and seriously wounded a policeman.

Mr Klein was on the telephone several times to Momcilo Krajisnik, Mr Karadzic's closest colleague, whose rally earlier in the evening had flopped when only 200 supporters attended, thanks to the bus blockade.

Curiously, Mr Krajisnik did not leave town and go home. He checked into the hotel Bosna, across from the presidential palace, and gave an upbeat press conference, apparently believing his forces would reach town during the night to mount their coup.

After the policeman was shot, Mr Klein again telephoned Washington from the local police station. He held conference calls with the national security council's Bosnia specialist and Robert Gelbard, the special US envoy for Bosnia, as well as the commander of Nato troops in Bosnia, US General Eric Shinseki. Maj-Gen Ramsay was shuttling to and from the frontline to inspect the deteriorating situation.

Meanwhile the local police had fended off another 30 men who had sneaked round a back route at Gradiska to storm the television transmitter on Mount Kozarac.

Mr Klein twice telephoned the Yugoslav foreign minister, urging him to ring Mr Krajisnik to tell him to turn the buses round.

Around midnight Mr Klein got agreement for the Nato troops to use tear gas or live ammunition. He telephoned Mr Krajisnik again. "Klein threatened Krajisnik that he would use all necessary force against the bus people. In fact, he threatened him before he had Washington's agreement," said an eyewitness.

Armed with the new authorisation, Mr Klein also asked Cheryl Plumridge, the British head of the High Representative's Banja Luka office, to go round to the Hotel Bosna to see Mr Krajisnik's people.

Realising S-For meant business, Mr Krajisnik backed down. He promised to get the buses and people moved back to eastern Bosnia. Only at 4am, when word came that the buses were well and truly on their way, did Mr Klein and Maj-Gen Ramsay go off to bed.

Within an hour they were roused again, when the local police besieged the Hotel Bosna and disarmed and searched Mr Krajisnik's bodyguards. The new crisis captured the headlines, but what had gone on earlier was far more dangerous.

A US soldier frisks a Muslim refugee going to vote in the Serb-controlled town of Brcko PHOTOGRAPH: MLADEN ANTONOV

Voters defy nationalists by returning to pre-war home towns

Jonathan Steele in Glamoc

THOUSANDS of Bosnians turned out this weekend to defy the nationalist parties by voting to reverse the results of wartime ethnic cleansing. In the first local elections since the 1995 Dayton peace agreement, displaced Serbs, Muslims and Croats chose to vote heavily for their former towns, rather than the places where they now live

Glamoc, a community of potato-farmers in a remote highland plateau, is a prime example of this weekend's trend. Before the war, 82 per cent of its 12,000 people were Serbs. They left when the Croatian army came over the border to help Bosnian Croat forces capture the region in 1995.

Several hundred Croats moved into the destroyed town and now represent over 90 per cent of the population.

But voters can register in their old municipalities, and on Saturday a bus-load of Serbs turned up. "We call our group Zavicaj [Homeland]", said Ranko Jovicic, who hopes to be Glamoc's mayor.

"Most of us live in Banja Luka, but we want to come home."

Several hundred other Serb refugees from Glamoc registered to vote for their old town by absentee ballot. They defied the ruling party in Republika Srpska which wants Serbs to stay in the entity.

Similar defiance appeared among ordinary Croats. To counter the wave of would-be Serb returnees, Croatian nationalists had urged the new Croat residents — most of whom had fled from Bugojno, a largely Muslim town 50 miles away — to register for Glamoc.

But Angelika Kujundic insisted: "I want to go home to Bugojno. I want to be able to worship in my old church."

Besides Glamoc, analysts believe that up to 29 of the 136 local councils could change hands. Elsewhere, minority groups could end up with 30 or 40 per cent of the vote.

Clubs sing God save Le Queen

Alex Duval Smith in Paris

BENEATH banners, one of which declared "*Paris, capitale de l'ennui*", about 2,000 people marched solemnly and danced intermittently yesterday for the right to enjoy themselves.

Two weeks after the police closed down five of the French capital's most popular nightclubs because of ecstasy dealing, their customers came out into the daylight of the city's Marais district.

Stephanie, aged 23, thought it a bit much when the speaker-van laid on by Le Scorp, one of the clubs shut for six months, piped up Mahler's Funeral March (5th Symphony).

The DJ then began mixing it with Ultra Nate's Free (To Be What You Want To Be), and the Rue Vieille du Temple erupted to the beat.

"We may as well dance here since we're not to do so in our usual clubs," said Stephanie, as the sea of tight white T-shirts boogied past the Central bar, closed to mark the day of mourning.

Her friend Sonia, also 23, felt the closures — which come up for appeal in two weeks' time — were an expression of homophobia.

"All the clubs which have been closed are predominantly gay, but everyone knows that is where you have the most fun," she said.

According to the police, the five clubs — Le Queen, Le Cox, L'Enfer, Le Scorp and Les Follies Pigalle — are also where ecstasy dealing is at its most rife in Paris. But their closure has almost deprived Paris of its most fashionable nightspots at a stroke.

Cyril, aged 25, was marching beneath a "God save Le Queen" banner. He said: "If drugs are a problem at Le Queen, police ought to go to Les Bains Douches and Les Planches. But they won't, because those are establishment clubs and they would end up arresting too many television personalities."

The unprecedented closures followed an eight-month investigation which reportedly netted "considerable amounts" of ecstasy and resulted in 20 arrests.

Létitia, aged 23, had joined the demonstration because "it's impossible to have fun any more". She said: "I don't take ecstasy. Of course there are drugs in the clubs, but so are there in prisons and on street corners." Her placard read: "What will they shut next? The Metro?"

Philippe Fatien, Le Queen's 43-year-old owner, said he had asked the police for help in reducing drug consumption. "Unlike Britain, the Netherlands or Belgium, we are not allowed to do body searches," he said. "If one of our security staff finds drugs and we call the police, we can be prosecuted for aiding drug dealing."

Currencies to lock step 7 months before euro

Stephen Bates in Mondorf-les-Bains, Luxembourg

EUROPEAN Union finance ministers have decided to lock bilateral exchange rates next May, seven months before the introduction of the euro, on the same day as the EU decides which countries qualify to join monetary union.

The ministers ended a two-day summit in Mondorf, Luxembourg, yesterday, claiming that only political decisions remain to be taken about which countries will join on January 1 1999 — putting the euro back on target for a launch in 15 months' time after a summer of political turbulence and calls for delay.

But there were early signs of future problems as the ministers disagreed about budgetary contributions and the harmonisation of taxation — issues which will probably remain unresolved into the next century.

Yves de Silguy, the currency commissioner, said the decision to lock exchange rates would increase the irreversibility and transparency of the final steps towards monetary union (EMU) next year, and help companies prepare for it.

The plan is designed to curb speculative trading before EMU, although the method of determining bilateral rates will not be announced until May. It is expected that the locking rate will be fixed on the current average central rate within the exchange rate mechanism, since most currencies are within 2 per cent of that.

Such a decision would cause problems for the Irish punt, which is tied to the pound, whose strength means it is at present up to 10 points adrift. If it remains that strong, Dublin may be forced into an unwelcome devaluation.

The Chancellor, Gordon Brown, reiterated that the Government would discuss entry into EMU on its merits.

The growing confidence that the difficulties of qualifying for the single currency will be overcome follows a summer of good economic figures and Germany's latest projections that it will be able to bring its debt below 3 per cent of GDP. It will do so by excluding health-service debt from its public sector borrowing requirement, on the basis that most of the debt is privately incurred.

The renewed confidence that the euro will be launched on schedule and that Germany's position is assured — enabling it once more to exercise a dominating say over the currency and its participants — prompted Italy, the weakest potential member, to claim that it, too, would be ready.

The latest figures show that Italy is also close to achieving the 3 per cent target, and its treasury minister, Carlo Ciampi, said: "We face some difficult months but we know that by the end of the year we will have reached our goal."

There was no such agreement on readjusting the EU's budget, Germany, France, Sweden and the Netherlands insisting that their contributions should be cut.

Theo Waigel, the German finance minister, said: "The distribution of the burden is such that we bear 60 to 70 per cent of the net burden each year, which is 20 billion marks (£7 billion). This is not just a German problem."

Spain and Greece — both recipients of structural funds and subsidies — made it clear that they saw no reason why this should stop.

France, too, insisted that tax harmonisation measures should be enforced, ending or seriously curtailing tax havens and the competitive rates offered by some countries to attract companies: a move that irked British officials.

Perilous poll leaves Norway cold

Harry Joyce in Oslo

NORWEGIANS go to the polls today in what promises to be a cliffhanger vote after a six-week campaign in one of the world's richest countries that has proved devoid of any real substance.

In true Scandinavian fashion the prime minister, Thorbjoern Jagland, has set 36.9 per cent of the national vote as the lowest he will accept for his re-election.

Failure to reach this would make Norway ungovernable for his Labour Party, which has formed a minority government since 1990. Last-minute opinion polls predicted the race would be tight.

The polls show Labour support hovering just below the 36.9 per cent level which Mr Jagland — seeking re-election for the first time — set because it was the percentage Labour won in the last election in 1993 under its veteran leader Gro Harlem Brundtland.

In a country which earns £1.5 million every hour from North Sea oil, voters do not get steamed up about the everyday issues of how to make ends meet. In fact, Norwegians are not getting steamed up about anything.

"I have to confess I really don't know what the issues are in this election," said Anne Enger Lahnstein, leader of the Centre Party, who played a key role in defeating pro-Europeans in a 1994 referendum on whether Norway should join the European Union.

If Mr Jagland fails to reach the level he has set himself, the result is likely to be the most chaotic few weeks Norwegian politics has ever known, with a rocky coalition of centrists and conservatives under the Christian People's Party leader, Kjell Magne Bondevik, the likely victor.

Spoiling the gentle campaign has been the raucous and uncompromising extreme rightwinger Carl Hagen, support for whose Progress Party leapt to an unprecedented 25 per cent last month before tailing off.

Mr Hagen is often accused of bearing a political resemblance to Jean-Marie Le Pen in France. He has succeeded in nurturing a racist tendency that is usually well concealed in Norway.

The 53-year-old's confrontations with immigrants are often bad-tempered and crude.

Mr Hagen has tried to steer critics away from his views on immigration by concentrating on social issues, promising to spend more on health care and the elderly by using Norway's oil revenue now, instead of pouring it into the Petroleum Fund — designed to cushion the country when the oil eventually dries up.

Mr Jagland became prime minister just 11 months ago and has stumbled several times, but he has grown in confidence during the campaign, making a direct reference to Tony Blair's "education, education and education" policy promise.

News in brief

Nuclear drums in Channel

Greenpeace said yesterday that its divers had found drums of radioactive waste from La Hague nuclear reprocessing plant only 250 yards off a beach near Cherbourg.

The plant's director, Patrick Ledermann, said the drums would be gone within a few days, adding that an earlier operation to remove them and other drums had been hampered by strong currents. — Reuter.

ETA 'extortion'

ETA has sent extortion letters to more than 100 Spanish business owners in recent weeks, demanding money to finance its violent campaign for Basque independence, El Pais newspaper reported yesterday. Demands for up to £165,000 were said to have been received by businesses mainly linked to tourism in the northern Navarre region, which is part of the territory ETA wants for a Basque state. — AP.

Anjouan ready

The Comoran island of Anjouan, whose government wants to secede, yesterday banned driving at night and called on islanders to prepare for a new military assault from neighbouring Grande Comore. — Reuter.

Indian train plunge

Five train carriages plunged from a bridge into a river near Champa town in eastern Madhya Pradesh state, central India, yesterday killing at least 36 people and injuring 200, police said. — Reuter.

Climbers die

An avalanche in the Barre des Ecrins mountain range in the French Alps killed two climbers and injured seven yesterday, police said. Eighteen other climbers were evacuated by helicopter. — AP.

Algeria killings

Six people had their throats slit in the north-western Algerian city of Tlemcen and another person was killed in a bomb attack in Blida, near Algiers, hospital workers said yesterday. The army fired rockets into a mosque in the capital at the weekend killing eight suspected Islamic militants. — AP.

Rebel accusations

Colombian rebels said at the weekend that the government had undermined its call for peace talks by launching a big army offensive in the south-east. — Reuter.

League's new seat

Italy's Northern League inaugurated a new seat of government yesterday for its self-proclaimed "Republic of Padania" in a building near Venice's Rialto bridge. — Reuter.

Winning streak

Katherine Shindle from Illinois, who was crowned the new Miss America at the weekend, was among contestants to take advantage of a rule-change allowing them to wear two-piece swimsuits for the first time in 50 years as the pageant tried to lure back television viewers. — AP.

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Peace far off, warn rebels

Phil Gunson in Mexico City

MEXICO'S Zapatista rebels are not about to disarm and peace in the southern state of Chiapas remains far off, their leader, Subcomandante Marcos, said at the weekend.

His statement was delivered in Mexico City by a contingent of more than 1,000 masked but unarmed members at the end of a week-long bus journey from Chiapas to press their demands for indigenous rights.

In a communiqué described by the government as "virulent" and read out at the founding congress of the Zapatista National Liberation Front (FZLN), a civilian "sister organisation" of the rebel movement, Mr Marcos said: "The war goes on in south-east Mexico and the Zapatistas are still armed and ready for combat."

Since their uprising in January 1994, the guerrillas have maintained a tense truce, despite the presence of tens of thousands of federal troops, but peace talks have been suspended for the past year.

The Zapatistas accuse the government of attempting to change the terms of the only agreement reached so far — on a new legal framework for indigenous rights. The official negotiator, Pedro Joaquin Coldwell, has held no meetings with rebel leaders.

Zapatista rebels march to Mexico City's main square for a rally at the weekend in an effort to highlight their demands PHOTOGRAPH: HERBERTO RODRIGUEZ

The creation of the Zapatista Front is a response to the call by a majority of the guerrilla movement's civilian supporters for a peaceful solution to the conflict.

Like the guerrilla army, it does not seek power and is independent of any political party. Unlike the rebels, its methods are non-military. It rejects the label of the rebels' "political front".

In an effort to put the problems of Chiapas back on the national agenda, the guerrillas send 1,111 of their members — each representing a local community — to recreate the triumphal entry of Emiliano Zapata's largely indigenous troops into Mexico City at the height of the 1910-20 revolution.

The contingent filled the city's vast main square with cheering supporters on Friday night. The leftwing mayor-elect, Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas of the Party of the Democratic Revolution, told them theirs was "the cause of millions".

The government's response, while initially moderate, turned hostile as the tone of the rebel message became clearer.

President Ernesto Zedillo, speaking at a military commemoration ceremony on Saturday, said the government could not give way on principles such as sovereignty and national unity; a coded rejection of the rebels' autonomy proposals for indigenous communities, to which government negotiators had originally agreed.

Mud smears America's Mr Clean

Martin Kettle in Washington

DON'T say it too loudly yet, but Al Gore's steady march towards the American presidency in the year 2000 is beginning to look just a little shaky.

Mr Gore is still the front-runner for the White House, if you can be a front-runner three years away from the end of the race.

His campaign for the presidency began to roll on the day that he was elected vice-president. And so did the campaign against him.

He values his wholesome and clean-cut reputation, which is how most Americans think of him. Yet in hearings before the Senate governmental affairs committee over the past fortnight the outlines of a rather different Al Gore have been taking shape. And if this Al Gore becomes lodged in American minds then the presidential contest in 2000 could open up.

The committee began conducting its inquiry into campaign finance practices before the summer congressional recess. Most of its hearings are so detailed that they are followed and understood by only a small number of experts. But the committee's often nit-picking process has suddenly produced two damaging climactic moments since the hearings resumed this month. Both of them concern Mr Gore.

The first was a hearing on September 4 when three Buddhist nuns in cinnamon robes admitted destroying and altering evidence of illegal Democratic Party fund-raising after a visit by Mr Gore to their California temple during the 1996 campaign.

Mr Gore has repeatedly denied that he was aware of the fund-raising dimensions of his visit to the temple, which as a tax-exempt religious foundation may not be used for political purposes.

But the nuns' unconvincing testimony, and the fact that the visit was set up during a White House interview with Mr Gore arranged through the controversial Asian-American fund-raiser John Huang, have cast a shadow.

The second storm broke last week when the New York Times published a memo written by an aide for Mr Gore to use at a 1996 fund-raising strategy meeting in the White House. Mr Gore's office says he did not use the memo, which contains the sentence: "So we can raise the money, but only if the president and I actually do the events, the calls, the coffees etc."

These words matter, because the vice-president has been trying to give the impression that he was very distant from the details of fund raising during the 1996 campaign, and because there is an investigation into whether he made unlawful fund-raising phone calls from the White House at about this time. Earlier this month the attorney-general, Janet Reno, was compelled to order a 30-day inquiry into 46 such calls to establish whether a full-scale investigation should be mounted.

Gore supporters claim that

A different Al Gore is taking shape. And if this Al Gore lodges in people's minds, then the presidential race in 2000 could be opened up

this is nothing but an exercise in guilt by innuendo. Possibly so. But what matters is the impression these hearings are giving. Here the news for Mr Gore is not good.

In a poll taken by the Los Angeles Times last week, about half the public had "heard about" the allegations against Mr Gore. But then the pollsters asked the same voters whether Mr Gore "knowingly did anything unethical or illegal" at the temple or in making calls from the White House. Only one in four answered that Mr Gore had done nothing improper.

The public may or may not know anything about the charges but they still think Mr Gore was up to something. Mr Clean has some scrubbing to do.

Guys talk tough as US army ponders the weaker sex

Efforts to emancipate women soldiers have uncovered hidden male resentment of them, writes **Dana Priest** in Washington

FACED with overwhelming evidence of divisions between men and women in its ranks, the United States army plans to reduce differences in one area that has been a source of irritation to male soldiers: the comparably easier standards set for women in fitness tests.

The changes, confirmed by officials on Friday, were considered before the previous day's release of a report that revealed pervasive sexual harassment of, and discrimination against, women in the army.

But they draw attention to some of the most surprising results of that report, which showed men feeling equally aggrieved by gender bias.

Brigadier-General Evelyn Foote, a member of the army panel that compiled the report, said that lower requirements for sit-ups and push-ups by women were a "serious problem" for male soldiers.

Resentment of women was illustrated by a survey of 30,000 troops, which found that many men believe women receive favourable treatment.

Only 50 per cent of the men said they believed women "pull their load". But almost all soldiers, men and women, believed male soldiers "pull their load".

Of the men surveyed, 28 per cent believed that "women have an advantage over men when it comes to having a successful military career". Only 9 per cent of the women agreed. Similar differences dominated the survey.

Separate physical requirements for men and women have been a sore point since the current fitness test was adopted in 1984. A man of 25 must do 40 push-ups and 47 sit-ups in two minutes and run two miles in 16 minutes 36 seconds. A 25-year-old woman must do 16 push-ups, 45 sit-ups and run two miles in 19 minutes 36 seconds.

The new standards require women to do more push-ups and the same number of sit-ups and to run two miles slightly faster.

The 1984 fitness standards are widely ridiculed. They are so low that even women who smoke and are overweight can pass without difficulty. Even physically fit men have trouble passing or scoring high in their test.

Many men believe that the different standards simply mask the fact that "a woman will never be in as good physical shape as a man", no matter how fit individual women might be, the report says.

The study was ordered in response to a sex scandal at the army ordnance centre and school in Aberdeen, Maryland, in which male drill sergeants preyed on female trainees. The report found that women throughout the army were subjected to sexual harassment and job discrimination.

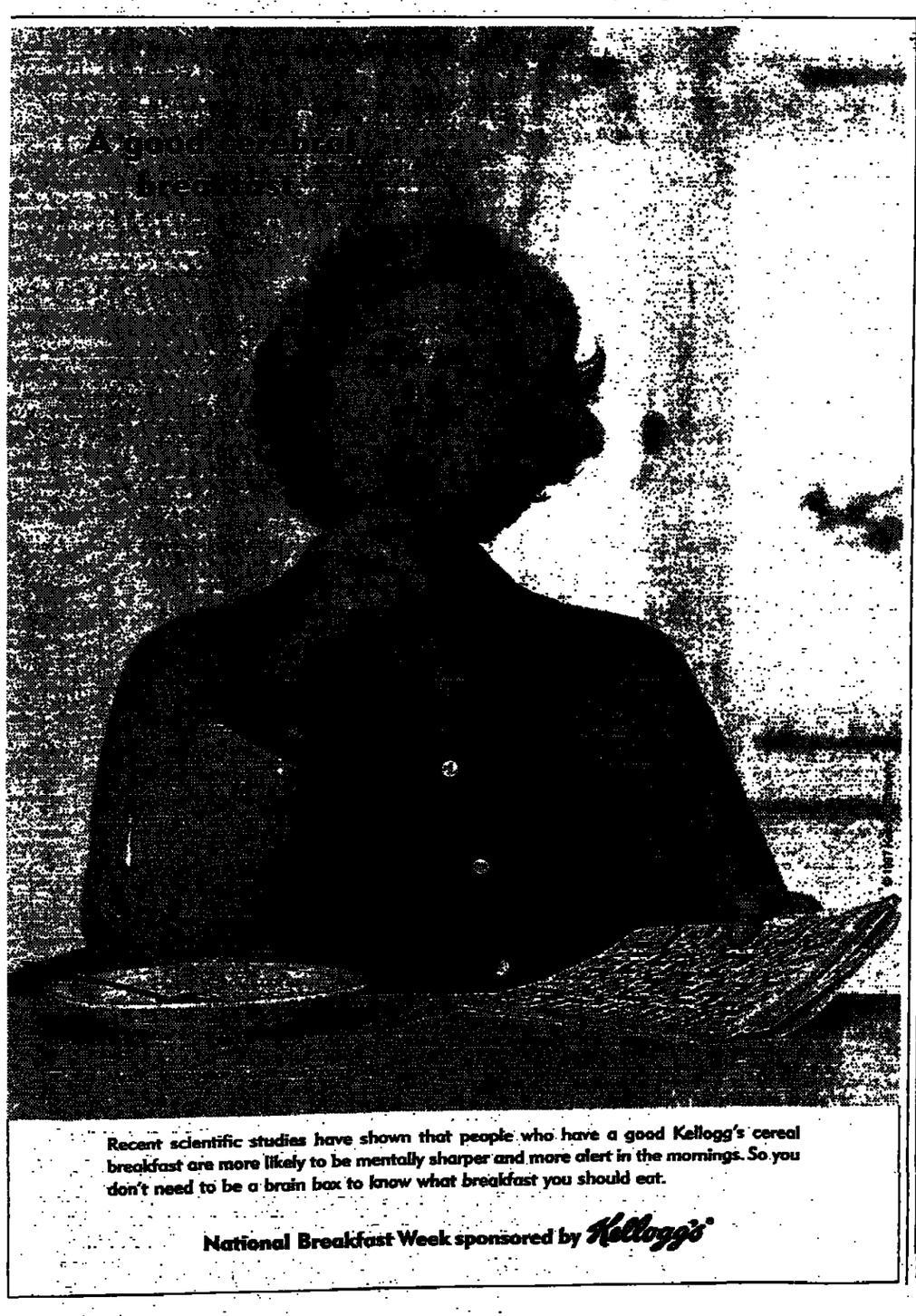
The panel found that 76 per cent of male soldiers said they had experienced crude sexual behaviour and another 63 per cent reported having experienced "sexist behaviour". Panel members said that men had witnessed or taken part in this, but did not feel victimised or bothered by it.

But 30 per cent of men said they had received unwanted sexual attention, 8 per cent said they had been coerced into sex, and 6 per cent said they had been sexually assaulted. Seven per cent of the women said they had been sexually assaulted.

General Richard Siegfried, the panel's chairman, said he believed that both men and women might be accosting those men who reported such behaviour. He said men reported being assaulted and coerced when other males questioned their manhood.

Such harassment was as tough for men to report as women, he said. A man knew that if he reported it he would be the laughing-stock of his unit, that it would reflect on his manhood.

Male soldiers also believed that the army's pregnancy policy, which requires pregnant women to transfer to non-hazardous jobs, put an unfair burden on their colleagues. — Washington Post.



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Aid, arms and the new mood

Transparency begins at home

THE CHANCELLOR'S new initiative to tackle the plight of the world's poorest countries chimes appropriately with the current talk of national compassion. Gordon Brown will be urging the Commonwealth Finance meeting tomorrow to lighten their burden of more than five and a half billion dollars of debt. He hopes to take his proposals on to Hong Kong for the IMF and the G7 to approve. An important feature of the scheme is to discriminate against countries which spend extravagantly upon prestige projects, are seriously corrupt, or make massive arms purchases. It is not exactly a new idea: the heads of the World Bank and IMF have dwelt on it too in recent speeches. But the critique has more special resonance after the collapse of Mobutuism in Zaire — a human rights and social disaster area for 30 years which Western donors had done nothing to impede.

This call for "transparency and openness" in the giving and receiving of aid has a downside for the developing countries if it becomes merely a one-way mechanism by which the developed countries can deliver harsh judgement. If it is to work, then it has to go both ways. Western governments must hand out censure, and deny export guarantees, to companies from their own countries which act irresponsibly, or encourage corrupt practices, in the developing world. And they must judge themselves far more critically when it comes to the arms trade, much of it dealing with ordnance and relatively small-scale weapons which can be every bit as lethal as armoured cars and supersonic fighters.

The women of Greenham Common could watch the fence yesterday come down knowing that although nuclear weapons have not been abolished, the acute threat posed in the 1980s by a frenetic arms race in which some of the most dangerous weapons such as Cruise were carelessly deployed has now disappeared. But the end of the cold war has also lifted restraints upon local wars fed by a thriving supermarket in conventional weapons. Landmines are a particularly beastly part of this process: public opprobrium is now attached to them for a very obvious reason. Yesterday the News of the World gave its first three pages to an expose of arms dealers allegedly still trafficking in anti-personnel devices — a decision whatever the context to be applauded. Will this popular mood now turn more critically against the arms trade at large?

Other famous figures have already taken up the broader theme of arms sales. In May eight Nobel Peace Prize winners including the Dalai Lama and Mikhail Gorbachev issued a draft international code of conduct for arms transfers which is much tighter than the present feeble arrangement for a voluntary register of conventional weapons exports. In New York, the UN panel of experts on small arms continues to struggle with the problem, proposing regional moratoriums, buyback programmes, and the destruction of surplus weapons. Yet the US, which ended its arms sales ban to Latin America earlier this year, remains top of the league, followed by Britain with Russia close behind.

In any given case, the excuse is always that the weapon transfer in question is needed to maintain the balance. "There is no arms race in South-east Asia," a senior US defence official said last month. "It's simply a matter of appropriate modernisation." If we are serious about new ideals for a new millennium, such nonsense should no longer be tolerated. The aim should be to maintain arms balances at minimum levels and to curb, not encourage, competitive modernisation — for all countries, not just the poorest who depend on foreign aid and can be ticked off for yielding to temptation. If it is wrong to buy, how can it be right to sell?

Land of the rising tax

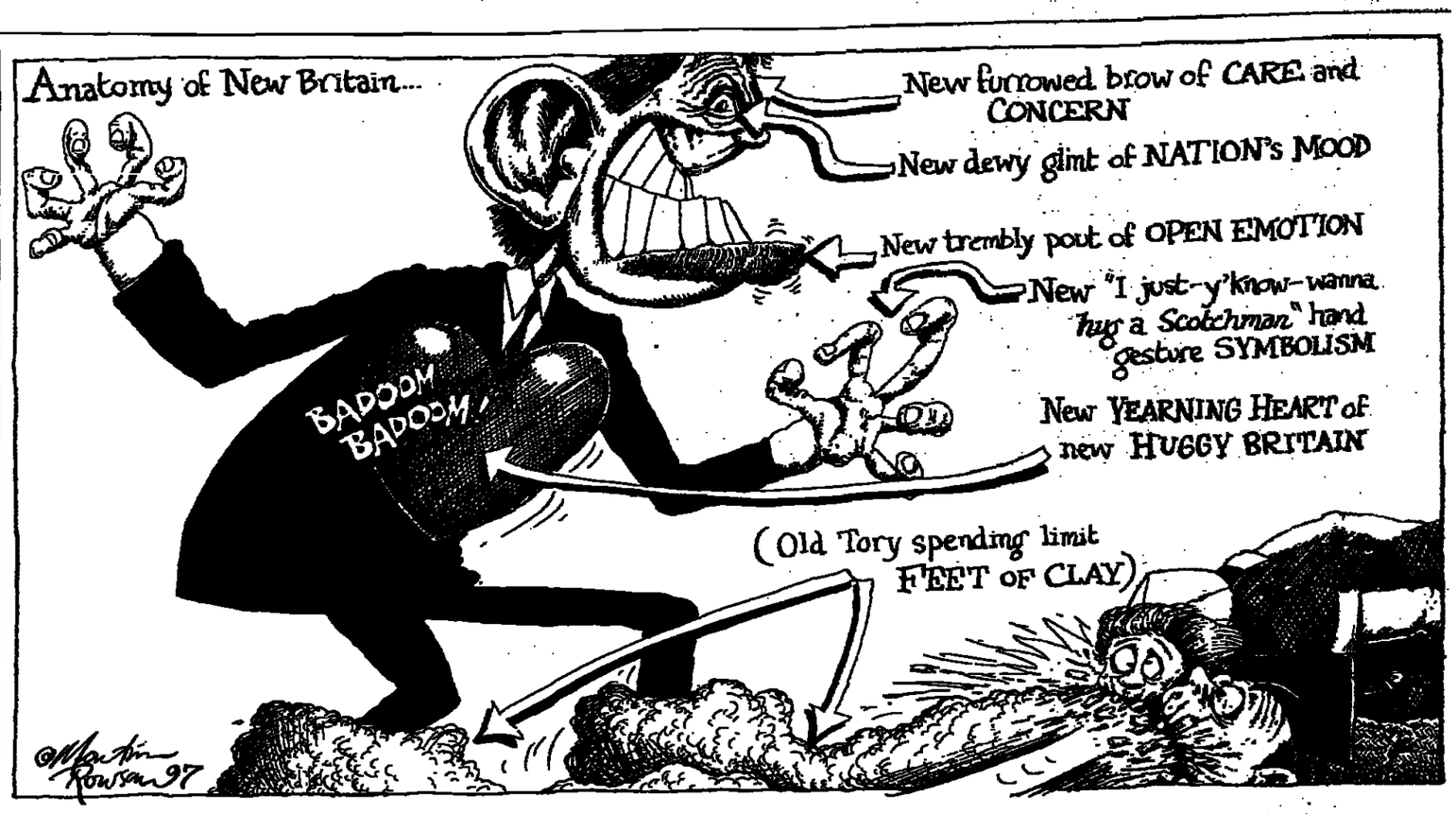
Japan delivers an unwelcome surprise

WHEN THE G7 does meet in Hong Kong one of the least expected topics to be discussed will be the renewed contraction of the Japanese economy. Hopes that last year's growth of 3.6 per cent had signalled the end of four years of stagnation — caused by the collapse of land and share prices — were shattered last week by the latest GDP figures which showed that the economy is contracting at the annualised rate of 11 per cent.

This was mainly the result of the Government's well intentioned, but badly mistimed, decision to raise consumption taxes from three to five per cent. This was designed both to raise money to finance the long-term problems of an aging population; and to bring the budget deficit (currently over five per cent of GDP) down to nearer the modish level of three per cent laid down in the Maastricht criteria. Instead it has stopped the revival of consumption in its tracks thereby incurring the ire of the American government which desperately wants Japan to stimulate its domestic economy to reduce its ever growing trade surplus.

As if this were not enough, Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto stoked up domestic criticism last week when he celebrated his (unopposed) re-election as leader of the Liberal Democratic Party by bringing back into his cabinet Koko Sato, a politician indicted for bribery during the Lockheed scandal in the 1970s. The appointment of Mr Sato was forced on the Prime Minister by the old guard of the party dominated by former Prime Minister, Yasuhiro Nakasone. The selection of such a controversial figure to implement the government's administrative reforms is bound to create doubts about its commitment to the so-called Big Bang reforms not least because one of the most crucial reforms — the breaking up of the all-powerful Ministry of Finance — has already been abandoned.

Japan will be congratulated at the G7 meeting for the diplomatic way it acted as an umbrella for the IMF's recent package to prevent the economic crisis in Thailand from undermining other East Asian economies. But this will be overshadowed by Japan's own economic problems which won't be helped by the fall-out from slower growth in the Pacific Basin and increased pressure from the US to reduce its exports. No one should underestimate the underlying strength of Japan's manufacturing sector — but this doesn't alter the fact that raising domestic taxes could prove a costly error at this stage in the economic cycle. The US has already demonstrated that the most cost-effective way to reduce a budget deficit is to encourage non-inflationary growth. By raising taxes, prematurely, Japan is in danger of cutting off its own escape route.



Letters to the Editor

Mr Cole speaks for himself

CONTRARY to your report (The Cole truth, September 13) I have never owned a Rolls-Royce. I bought my Mercedes-Benz E220 two years ago to mark my third of a century of continuous work. My house in Suffolk was a ruined barn, which I bought and restored as a home while at the BBC.

I worked for the BBC for 20 years and the quote from me specifying 27 years is not authentic. I was a journalist for 27 years but worked for newspapers, UPI and ITV before joining the BBC in 1968.

My salary increased modestly when I left the BBC in October 1988 to become a director of Harrods, but I cannot think I am the only person to have increased their pay by leaving the corporation.

Nor did I bark at a group of old comrades at a commemoration of the Somme. At La Boiselle on July 1, 1986 a piper was about to play on the rim of the huge crater when a photographer jumped up beside him. I called for the photographer to move away.

Although wine was drunk, it was not a "boozy Christmas lunch" at which my confidential remarks about the Queen's 1987 Christmas broadcast were taken and used by Andrew Morton in the Daily Star, to my deep and continuing regret. Even before the story was printed, I offered my resignation as court correspondent, but the BBC preferred to wait three days and move me from the post.

All this, 10 years ago, is unimportant compared with the recent events I have done my best to present fairly and honestly. If your reporters had taken as much care to check the facts as I have, truth would have been better served.

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The word is out

IN applauding Angela Eagle's straightforward attitude over her sexual orientation, Melissa Benn (Labour's sexual revolution, September 12) points out the starkness of the word "lesbian." As one of the political "old brigade" (many of whom were feminists long before the word was fashionable), may I suggest that the Guardian sets the style by using the happier word "sapphic" instead.

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The work of the Church

IT is to be hoped that the churches will react coolly to Gordon Brown's call for them to back government unemployment policy (Brown asks churches to back jobs effort, September 12). Such unity of outlook between church and state is characteristic of a totalitarian society; in a mature democracy a healthy variety of views should flourish, and a failure to toe the government line not be dismissed as "fatalism and cynicism".

By refusing to consider deeper, structural causes and attempting to limit debate to questions of training, Labour is effectively recasting unemployment as a form of individual delinquency. It is hard to see why this policy of coercing young people into poorly paid and prospectless jobs should be worthy of uncritical support from the churches, particularly, as Bishop Sheppard noted, when the Government appears to have given up any idea of redistributing wealth.

The advocacy of mentoring does not improve the picture either. By implying that contact with figures rather like them is the key to advancement in life, Labour politicians at once make themselves look conceited and underestimate the resourcefulness of the people, given a better-run economy.

Mr Brown should remember that humility is a Christian virtue.

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MADELEINE Bunting (Churches come in from the cold, September 13) celebrates Gordon Brown's recognition of the report by the Council of Churches for Britain and Ireland (CCBI) about unemployment and the future of work, endorsing his view of dissenters to the report as "fatalistic".

Such dissent is not fatalistic, it is realistic. In my experience, the only people who believe in full employment are those with jobs, like bishops and journalists. Listen to unemployed people and it is soon obvious that while they would like good, paid work, their experience is that there aren't any jobs.

The wishful thinking of the CCBI report is not excused by its moral earnestness. To believe that there ought to be jobs does not mean there will be jobs. The authors do not say what sort of jobs there will be, what people will do, where jobs can be found, nor indeed, whether these jobs will provide a living wage. They hope that the service industries will be a source of paid employment, but the record of service industries is dismal in terms of pay and conditions.

The problem is, of course, money. The function of money as a means of exchange is being strangled by the money accumulation system of speculators. Strangulation leads to death, it is as simple as that.

There is no easy solution to this, but one step among others would be to create sufficient zero-interest credit to initiate public works. Then, besides the Church coming in from the cold, some of Britain's impoverished people might come in as well.

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Disunion

AS one of the RMT delegates who most certainly did walk out in protest at the address to the TUC by CBI leader Adair Turner, I was surprised and dismayed to read the comments of my union's general secretary, Mr James Knapp (Letters, September 12).

To understand our action, Mr Knapp must ask himself a simple question. Who would he rather was given the opportunity to address Congress: the leader of the main bosses' organisation, or a spokesman from, say, the sacked Liverpool dockers (who incidentally were, refused entrance to the hall)?

If his answer is the latter, then perhaps he should use his considerable influence to reverse the ideological surrender which appears to be taking place within the leadership of the trades union and Labour movement, of which his letter is just the latest sorry example.

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We may edit letters: shorter ones are more likely to appear

Candlelight

ALONG with the millions who heard Elton John's performance of Candle In The Wind at Princess Diana's funeral, I was moved by the sentiment and the gesture. Still, Bernie Taupin might have used a rhyming dictionary, or studied lyrics by, say, Lorenz Hart, Oscar Hammerstein, Otto Harbach, Johnny Mercer, W S Gilbert, Noel Coward, the Beatles, or Elvis. Their songs are distinguished from the song which may become the pop hit of the decade, if not the century, in that they rhyme.

Music has rhyme, reason and rhythm. Most composers adhere to age-old, sensible rules of composing. One wouldn't dream of writing a 7-bar phrase after an 8-bar phrase, or switch from 4/4 to 3/4 time. It's like building stairs of different heights. One causes you to trip physically, the other mentally. So it is with lyrics. Musical phrases repeat and ask to be rhymed. "Hearts" and "apart" do not rhyme. "Pain" and "name" do not rhyme. Nor do "smile" and "child". Nor, especially, do "soul" and "know".

I won't deal with the cliches, the maudlin phrases, the confused and borrowed thoughts expressed in the song. But why on earth did you choose to nestle its words amongst some of the most lyrical (and rhymed) hymns and prayers ever written?

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Together, we can put the "Great" back into Britain

DECCA Aitkenhead's argument (What a daft idea to brand Britain, September 12) that there never was "a universal British character — one with a stiff upper lip, and a love of fair play, suet pudding, cricket and the Queen" — misses the point: which is that abroad it was perceived to be true.

The question now is how can we shake off these outdated stereotypes and project an image of our country as young and innovative and forward-looking. If this initiative goes by the name of "brand", so be it.

This is not to ignore the substance of what we are. If "every time staff are placed on flexi-contracts ... or a soulless housing estate is built, or an out-of-town mall kills off an old town centre" we are damaging our country, then we remain obliged to respond: to create a country that we continue to be proud of.

Substance and symbol go hand in hand.

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DECCA Aitkenhead's claim that Demos called for a return of the stocks is mistaken. The single mention of stocks in any Demos publication makes it clear that a return to the stocks "would generate huge resentment and possibly foster even more violence".

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Write on

I NOTICE in your coverage of the report on literacy from the Office for National Statistics (One in five adults on bottom rung of literacy, September 12) that the lowest figures of all were obtained from adults between the ages of 45 and 65. These people will have left school between 1946 and 1967. But these are the golden years of education so often and nostalgically evoked by educational reactionaries.

More than a touch of amnesia seems evident. Perhaps David Blunkett should be told of the steady increases in standards over the past three decades and advised that yet more slagging off of teachers may not be the best way to achieve their continuation.

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A Country Diary

THE LAKE DISTRICT: Bored with sitting beside a whirring fan behind drawn curtains during the recent hot and humid weather, I wondered where I might go for cool shelter and thought of Claife Heights. This thickly wooded upland high above Windermere was remembered as a place where one might well spend much of the day completely screened from the heat — and the rest of the time trying to find your way. In several visits over many years I had usually got myself lost, if only temporarily, on vague tracks winding, apparently in circles, over knotted tree roots, through dark tunnels in the forest. Below the dark canopy overhead there was never anything to be seen, except the odd snake.

In the past, I had usually scrambled straight up from the ferry, past the 18th century viewing station of the first tourists, but this, I thought, would be far too tiring on such a sticky day so, this time, I went up from Far Sawrey. There was a couple of miles of walking in the hot sun before the shelter of the forest but this is a most delightful bridleway, past Moss Eccles and Wise Een tarns, each of them with a glorious background of the high fells. These lovely tarns, where Beatrix Potter loved to wander, must be among the least obtrusive reservoirs in the country. Once in the forest, and swung round from north to south, I was now on a public footpath — and what a change since my last visit!

Paths have been widened by cutting down the trees and scrub, and it's impossible to get lost since there are posts, with white-painted tops, just where they are needed. You can now even see the scenery now and again — the long length of Windermere or Langdale Pikes, for example — and, on our way below Pate Crags, a red deer hind crossed the track ahead of us and disappeared into the forest. There was a snake, too, but it didn't look dangerous.

A HARRY GRIFFIN

I draw strength from the party of old

Endpiece

Roy Hattersley

LAST Tuesday, at Denis Healey's 80th birthday party, four peers, three ex-permanent secretaries and one retired professor offered me identical reassurance. We are, they said, "right behind you." Guardian readers to a man, they wanted me to know that they shared my regrets that Labour — once the party of the poor — had abandoned the politics of redistribution. I repeat my response to their encomiums not least to convince you that this anecdote is a complaint not self-congratulation. Perhaps good manners required a gracious "Thank you" or a courteous "How kind". But I responded with an inelegant inquiry. Why were they behind me, rather than by my side or even out in front?

I was expressing the bewilderment which I have felt all summer. How is it — let us consider by way of example — that the Labour government can abolish the lone parents' allowance without being engulfed in a tidal-wave of righteous indignation? Why are there no angry speeches from influential backbenchers, no off-the-record briefings by agonised ministers, no new alliances of radically-inclined MPs, no constituency campaigns to carry angry resolutions at the annual party conference, and no predictions that the Cabinet face a humiliating defeat at Brighton next month. I know from the number of letters which I have received that Labour's conscience is not dead but sleeping. How big a shock does its nerve system need before the body is awakened?

None of these questions are asked in the hope that I can provoke — even less lead — a revolt. Revolts are the business of politicians and these days I am no more than an observer of the party battle. But, for some years, I was on the receiving end of dissident resolutions. My crime was holding the views which now put me outside New Labour's pale. I make no complaint, but simply wonder what has happened to the old rebels. One possibility — libel lawyers please note, it is offered in jest — is that they have all received frontal lobotomy as part of a wholly successful campaign to change their character. Examples abound of the policy switches which provoke that bad taste joke.

I actually support the proposals to change the character of the Labour Party conference. For too long, the annual week by the sea was a public relations gift handed to Labour's enemies by unthinking exhibitionists. Conference had virtually nothing to do with genuine democracy. I held those views back in the '80s when quite the opposite position was fashionable.

Seventeen years ago, "reformers" wanted the Cabinet to take instructions from the conference. That demand was most passionately expressed in a speech which began "What we need and what we have a right to expect, is the guarantee that the next Labour government will implement the policies that the party has decided, not the policies of a handful of ministers and civil servants." I doubt if the delegate who called for conference control holds a shadow of that view today. She recently appeared with me on a television programme, billed as a Blairite. And she certainly lived up to the description. One night, I shall put myself to sleep by counting how many enthusiasts for Labour's 1980s' madness have become disciples of the 1990s' super-sanity. We are governed by the ideologically footloose.

The Prime Minister would attribute the party's change of heart to "growing up" or "accepting reality". The assault on the psychology of critics is one of his most effective techniques for avoiding the defence of policies on their merits. But he can also claim credit for one of the more worthy causes of Labour's superficial unanimity. The party is grateful for the victory to which he made so large a contribution. And he now leads with a panache which makes criticism seem carping. To him, politics is a continuous cavalry charge — whether it is against the old enemy or potential rebels within his own ranks.

In Kinnock's day, reformers believed that "The party can only stand so much." Paradoxically, Tony Blair presides over continuous revolution. No sooner is one sacred cow slaughtered than another is led to the abattoir. The party is overwhelmed by change. I feel nothing but admiration for the elan. I wish it were devoted to the promotion of better policies.

There is, I fear, a more shady side to the admirable habit of advancing on several, simultaneous fronts. I do not know if the Welsh MPs who conscientiously oppose devolution are in real danger of losing the right to fight the next election. But some of them certainly believe that will happen. The idea of "discipline" is put about with the conscious intention of intimidating potential troublemakers. At least in the crazy '80s, we were allowed to disagree. Some of us fought the 1983 election on manifestos which explicitly disowned official policy on Europe and nuclear defence. If we had been expelled, David Owen, not Tony Blair, would now be Prime Minister.

Later this week, I shall certainly receive letters which ask "Would it matter?" At Denis Healey's birthday party I learned that David Owen finds immense amusement in the way that politics has turned more than full circle — with the Labour Party arriving at a position further to the right than he proposed. But the survival of Labour was important because the potential to recreate the party of equality still exists.

The activists, in the constituencies, are much what they always were — not, as the leadership imagines, a new breed of apolitical professionals. The volcano only occasionally rumbles, but it yet may erupt. Last week, amongst the Class of '79, I was glad that we had kept the party in more or less one piece — in anticipation of its destiny being rediscovered.

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Harare Diary

Andrew Meldrum

IN southern Africa, winter is ending and temperatures are climbing at this time of year. It is very hot as 14 of us squash into the mini-van taxi. The baby strapped to her mother's back keeps grabbing my ear, to the amusement of all. As we pay our fares, somebody complains about skyrocketing prices. We all groan and agree.

At Harare's city centre, we clamber out and set off on our separate ways. It's a typical journey on one of Harare's taxis. I was the only white person on board. The easy relations and lack of surface tension between black and white is a big reason why Harare is one of Africa's most pleasant capitals.

The Harare Agricultural Show held every September marks the beginning of the summer, often called the jacaranda season for the masses of blue-purple blossoms on the trees lining the city's streets. The fair attracts a mix of young African students, white farmers and their families, black and white office workers, politicians and business people.

It's one of the few annual events to bring all Harare's racial and social groups together. For although relations are generally easy-going, the different groups lead largely separate lives.

Government schools are virtually all black, with a few outstanding exceptions, while the private schools have mixed enrolments and the percentage of black students at elite schools is steadily rising. In sport, blacks avidly play and follow football, while the whites are keen on cricket, rugby and golf.

New diplomats to Harare frequently complain that black acquaintances often accept dinner invitations but then do not show up. Blacks clearly harbour a deep reserve.

With about 100,000 whites in a population of more than 10 million, Zimbabwe has Africa's largest white community after South Africa. Even during the 1970s, in the middle of the bitter war against Rhodesian minority rule, day-to-day relations between the races were remarkably pleasant.

Robert Mugabe's landmark reconciliation speech gave notice that racial relations would remain civil and not become recriminatory. At first some belligerent whites scorned the outstretched hand of tolerance by continuing to make offensive remarks and by picking arguments. Over the past 17 years, this antagonistic public behaviour has gradually receded.

Last week a queue of white people stretched outside a Harare bookshop. Inside Ian Smith was signing copies of his autobiography. Some said they were only buying out of historical interest, but most of the scores of whites still openly admired the crafty politician who led them in the battle against majority rule.

Unfortunately in the years after majority rule, neither the government nor the private sector attempted to improve racial relations. Initiatives could have built on the general goodwill to strengthen relations in schools, in sport, in business and in churches. Without such efforts, blacks and whites have remained generally apart. Only now are some innovative programmes emerging, such as a school holiday sports clinic which throws all groups together and gives incentives for friendships across barriers.

THE largest gulf separating the races is economic. Most whites live in spacious suburban comfort while most blacks endure a life of Dickensian hardships. There is a rapidly growing black middle class, which is now equal in numbers to the white population. But the majority of Zimbabwe's population remains mired in poverty, and recent economic liberalisations have made life even tougher for the poor.

Despite the obstacles, Zimbabwe still sustains that rare climate of tolerance that allows the opportunity for friendship across the chasms of race and class. With a bit of effort, such friendships can flourish. Two of my closest friends are African women, one the manager of a Harare shop and the other a former guerilla fighter who is now a schoolteacher. We share political views, gossip, sorrows and successes.

Zimbabwe's valuable racial equilibrium is threatened by the growing economic divide and also by politicians who resort to using use whites as scapegoats for their own misgovernance. I am grateful for the friendships that have thrived.

Here's not looking at you, Harrison Ford

Commentary

Peter Preston

SO this, you say, is it? This is the "top movie star of all-time" and the "biggest box office draw of all-time" (as variously voted by relevant bodies)? You're sitting in the stalls for the opening weekend of Air Force One, and Harrison Ford is doing his stuff, hanging to an open cargo hatch 35,000 feet up by his fingertips. So this is it? The tops?

I read the new Sperber and Lax biography of Humphrey Bogart last week. Bogart barely makes it into the top 10 of anything these days. Yet 50 years back he was up there, the guaranteed name over the titles and archetypal American hero. His big film in 1947 was Dark Passage, which spawned The Fugitive TV series, which spawned the recent Ford version. He went on to play Linus Larrabee in Sabrina. Ford did exactly the same a couple of years ago.

The comparisons aren't contrived. They make themselves. And along the way they help define the film industry that was and the industry it's become: which is another way of defining ourselves.

Look at Ford up there on the screen. Is this acting? No: he only has two expressions. One where his piercing eyes project intelligence, his jaw juts a bit and he holds himself straight. That's his Determined Look. A second where the eyes sink and dart, the face folds in on itself and the shoulders droop. That's his Beleaguered Look. You get one, then the other. That's all there is.

It is not even star stuff by the alternative canon of the persona which dominates all. Not Clint, not Wayne, not Arnold Schwarzenegger, for Heaven's sake. Ford has become a self-effacing nullity. He's the blank heart and blank gaze around which events — and computer effects — revolve. He is the ultimate non-star of a star. And he is always the same: what you see once is what you get forever. Everyman in a jam.

Bogart (only two years older than Ford is now when he died) was different. He was, like Pacino or De Niro, a consummate and versatile actor. He did stage and years in the Hollywood B-picture saltmines, playing mobsters and killers — before those roles became a Brit preserve. He could be pure menace (in The Petrified Forest); seedy disintegration (in The Treasure Of The Sierra Madre). He could do the conventional comedy of Sabrina or the wilder shores of Beat The Devil. He was the cockney Charlie in The African Queen and the crumbling Queeg of The Caine Mutiny.

He had, in sum, real range. But — unlike Pacino or De Niro — he was also somehow always himself. The characterisation didn't subsume personality: it lit or shaded new aspects of it.

And the thing here is that we're mostly talking the old days of the studio system, with actors signed as repertory serfs, doing what the big boys in the front office ordained. Not much of your picking and choosing and super-conflated salaries.

Yet that churning system still provided infinite variety: it had the spark of imagination in there somewhere: it shot the first Fugitive through his own eyes, so that you never saw the darkness of the passage.

Is Harrison Ford an actor by these lights? He may be. He was once terminally Beleaguered in The Mosquito Coast, to some effect. He occasionally, tentatively, tries comedy: with patchy results. But (as he told this paper last week) he's come to understand "his cultural utility". "I play leading man roles". Try something else and people would say "He's acting. It would be much more difficult for them to accept me in the film."

There's the neatest contrast. Ford can choose. He has the luxury of the market place which Bogart fought all his life to secure. But he chooses to be always the same. And what does that "character" tell us? It is anodyne, conservative, decent, brave, utterly sexless. In no sense controversial.

Bogart was a child of the 1920s when, 50 years ago, he played Sam Spade or Philip Marlowe. As Alistair Cooke once wrote: "He is unshockable and offhand, and, one

> The hero as a void: Hollywood, which means popular culture, is beginning to run on empty

gathers, a very devil with women, who is saved from absurdity by never having to prove it."

There are a clutch of adjectives that fit. Romantic, cynical, honorable: always, as his new biographers say, "with the ability to suggest something going on beneath the surface". And they quote the critic Judith Crist: "When Spade or Marlowe got hurt, they needed time to recover; when they killed, they flinched and were gnawed by regret. Above everything, they did what they had to do because they were men, in the head and the heart, and not exclusively in the groin."

Air Force One goes at a tremendous lick. "President" Ford (without chewing gum) saves the world. It is one of the box-office successes of the year; and entirely understandably. Another supreme confection from the master confectioners.

But the archetypal hero of half a century ago didn't merely mouth the pieties of idealism: he seemed to live and embody them. He didn't pretend the world was a simple place: he seemed to reflect its complexity. When he was shot, he bled. When he grew tired, he came up with something fresh.

If there's a lingering Bogart image, it is one of good deeds in a bad, confused world; of battered humanity coming to terms with inhumanity; of the ability to deliver a line and a grin in adversity.

And the most stellar of stars, the monarch of cash mountains, what of him? The Harrison Ford image — because of the intelligence in his eyes — says that earnest chaps will always let the stunt men mill around them, let the special effects roll, let the fake blood flow, and try to make us believe it could just be true.

Is that debased? Mostly, I think, in its boring, relentlessly technical repetition. The hero as a void where thought ought to be. That bit of Hollywood — which means, of popular culture — is beginning to run on empty. It needs a different heroism for different times. Here's looking at you, kid.

Bogart (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £20)

You got it, but do you have to flaunt it?

Ros Coward

SALES of lads' mags like Loaded are soaring, and now advertisers are concerned about their soft-porn content. Their images of women in sexually provocative positions have put the question of whether these magazines are offensive to women.

You might think the answer is obvious. Any magazine which refers to women as "babes" and "totty" has to be the expression of adolescent fantasies of controlling and using women, of women as frighteningly unknown creatures. When the adverts draw links between products and girls — "If you don't love them after three weeks, dump them" — this immaturity shades into something rather more unpleasant.

But these days women queue up to celebrate it. In the Daily Mirror recently, minor celebrities asserted that it was all harmless fun. Emma Wright, hostess of TV's The Price Is Right, can think of nothing that has given her "more of an ego-boost" than featuring on the pages of Maxim. She claims such photos show "women celebrating their sexuality. They are proud, confident and in charge." Joanna Guest, a topless model, adds: "Men may drool over pictures of me naked. But I know what I am doing and the effect I can have. And that's very empowering."

These are the familiar 1990s showbiz clichés; it is claimed women are now in control of their sexuality; they dress (or undress) for themselves, not men. When they flaunt their sexuality, they flaunt a power previously denied to women. Madonna made such views fashionable and the Spice Girls have made them ordinary.

It's not surprising that minor celebrities grab these lines. They move in a world where flaunting it is *de rigueur* so long as the price is right. In the past, women sold images of their bodies for money in the seedy world of prostitution and pornography. Now they bolster themselves with fragments of feminist discourse. If men are assumed to be sexual oppressors, then it's cool to demonstrate an available sexuality which is powerful enough to lure men, but at the same time resist them.

Ordinary women, however, move in a world where it is not so easy to draw a line between provoking men to drool and getting something more unwelcome. Women still do not have the same freedom of movement as men, and rape or sexual attack remain more than remote possibilities. In this world, if men talked about "celebrating" their sexuality or the power they feel from putting it about, we would probably lock them up.

Such double standards suggest that away from the fantasies, issues like attracting, asserting and taking the initiative are in confusion. We are being encouraged to think it's OK for a girl to assert her sexuality by behaving provocatively and not OK for a man to respond as if the assertion were an invitation. This confusion seems to be growing. Sue Lees's recent book, Carnal Knowledge, exposes how rape trials still put victims on the line, interrogating them on how much they have led men on. This can be inappropriate and destructive, given that rape often has nothing to do with the behaviour of the victim.

Other cases indicate that women are turning to the law to draw sexual boundaries which they have failed to draw in their own behaviour. Helen Garner's new book, The First Stone, traces an indecent assault case brought against an Australian university lecturer. He was eventually acquitted in law because the behaviour and evidence of the accusing girls was ambivalent.

A recent case against a lecturer at Reading University echoed this. In both, it was clear double standards were at work. The girls were operating with a degree of sexual forwardness denied to the men. Behind this lies the assumption that men have real and dangerous power, whereas women's assertive sexuality is only bravado.

RECENTLY the media covered a South London rape case as a case of miscarriage of justice against two very young girls. But the jury in it gave light sentences or acquittals to the four boys involved because of evidence that the girls' behaviour was ambiguous.

Surely the real miscarriage of justice is the crucifixion by the legal process of all the young people involved. They took female sexual forwardness literally, rather than treating it with an ironic post-modern distancing

We are all supposed to be in awe of this new generation of women who feel so at ease with their sexuality that they are happy to go along with anything men ask of them. But their feminist rhetoric is a con. All it shows is that they have little regard for women outside their own protected milieu. It's all very well for powerful women in the media to assert new clichés about female sexual potency, but it's harder for the wannabes to live those clichés on the streets.

The ministry of spin

There's a cultural revolution under way in the Government Information Service. **Richard Norton-Taylor** and **Ian Black** investigate the changes in Whitehall

IT MIGHT be overstating the case to talk about the creation of a Ministry of Truth, but people could be forgiven if they detected a distinct Orwellian-1984ish tone to plans to shake up Whitehall's information machine by introducing those New Labour techniques of spin and rebuttal which proved so successful in helping the party secure its general election victory.

Tony Blair's loyal lieutenants — press secretary Alastair Campbell and Peter Mandelson, minister without portfolio — have made it clear that the traditional network of Whitehall spokesmen is not skilled enough at these black arts. This message has been sounding down the corridors of power ever since Blair entered 10 Downing Street.

Four departmental press chiefs have left in as many months, and it seems that Labour at Millbank has beaten the mandarins. Andy Wood, long-serving head of information at the Northern

> There will be no room now for the information civil servants who are used to being reactive rather than pro-active

Ireland Office, Gill Samuel, press chief at the Ministry of Defence, Jill Rutter at the Treasury, and Liz Drummond at the Scottish Office, have all gone. And more will go.

They are victims of a cultural revolution being planned in the Government Information Service by Mike Granatt, head of the GIS and director of communication at the Home Office, under the eyes of Campbell and Mandelson. A central media monitoring unit is being set up as a pilot project in the Central Office of Information — Orwell's Winston Smith would have got the idea. It will then move to a permanent home in the Cabinet Office, at the heart of government.

There will be no room there for those who are used to being reactive rather than pro-active, for whom mobile phones and bleeps are annoying interruptors rather than vital tools of the trade. Central control is the name of new the game.

It was heralded in last month's ministerial code which stated: "In order to ensure the effective presentation of government policy, all major interviews and media appearances, both print and broadcast, should be agreed with the No 10 press office before any commitments are entered into. The policy content of all major speeches, press releases and new policy initiatives should be cleared in good time with the No 10 private office; the timing and form of announcements should be cleared with the No 10 press office."

Campbell is even closer to Blair than Sir Bernard Ingham, Lady Thatcher's

press secretary, was to her. The centre collapsed under John Major, partly as a result of a conscious policy to delegate and give individual Whitehall departments more independence. Smart Whitehall insiders recognise the time has come for a change which they cannot, in any case resist. "This is a case of an irresistible force meeting a very movable object," says one. "People were looking forward to a new regime and new policies . . . but obviously the old habits have taken time to get rid of. Now there is going to constant pressure from the centre".

Modernisers insist it is all about professionalism rather than creeping politicisation. They say that Mandelson wants the Whitehall machine to do the work, not political advisers. It was Richard Mottram, permanent secretary at the Ministry of Defence, who chose Samuel's successor — Oona Muirhead, a Civil Service high-flyer who was previously command secretary at the Permanent Joint Forces HQ. Bernard Gray, formerly defence correspondent for the Financial Times and now political adviser to George Robertson, the defence secretary, will try to raise his boss's profile, and at the Treasury, Gordon Brown's aide and spin doctor, Charlie Whelan, will continue to be involved heavily in PR. But these, for now at any rate, are the exceptions.

Civil servants who are experts in their fields will in future be asked to come up promptly with answers to unwelcome questions raised by ministers and the media. Gone, we are promised, are the days when civil servants could shrug off such questions as inconvenient irritants which interfered with their careful plans — or indeed with their lunch-breaks.

All of this is, of course, primarily for the benefit of the Government. New guidance to Whitehall includes the instruction "say something" — though it also advises "always have another story ready" when bad news cannot be suppressed.

New Labour has rightly taken flak for its obsession with being "on-message". Yet explaining yourself well is not a crime. Robin Cook at the Foreign Office, where they are reeling in reaction to his mission statements, "people's diplomacy" and policy initiatives, has shown how well an open approach towards the media can work, even though he errs on the side of showmanship and does create exaggerated expectations.

The Foreign Office's news department is knocking down walls and expanding to deal with the workload. Its officials complain, only half-jokingly, that Cook believes it is more important to talk to journalists than other foreign ministers — buttressing his reputation as well as his profile. In contrast, Clare Short, at the Department for International Development, damaged herself when she blamed others for leaking her unfortunate "golden elephants" jibe at the island of Montserrat.

Across the road, Robertson's Ministry of Defence has been almost eclipsed — all because of its total obsession with secrecy.

But there are dangers in these new approaches. Rows in Whitehall are legitimate media stories, certainly in the absence of a proper freedom of information act which would oblige civil servants

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and ministers to disclose even embarrassing information — and not simply carefully-wrapped packages. Arguments help to promote genuine debate, and are valuable to MPs, who are as much a victim of official secrecy as the media.

The problem could be that presentation would become a substitute for policy. Sure, the Government is bringing in outsiders to discuss proposed policy initiatives, but too often this reflects the Government's indecisiveness rather than a genuine destre for inclusive and mould-breaking consultation.

It is worrying that white papers, including the one on a freedom of information act, are postponed while time-buying task forces are set up. Malcolm Bruce, the Liberal Democrat Treasury spokesman, last month counted more than 60 reviews which the Government had initiated: "After all," he pointed out, "Labour did have 18 years out of office to get their policies right". He called for fewer reviews and more action. Blair seemed to agree, ordering that any new reviews would have to be approved by No 10.

Whitehall's new media unit could serve a useful purpose, acting professionally to benefit the media — and the public. It could also be used merely to cultivate the appearance of action and cohesion, and — perish the thought, of course — to stifle debate.

Richard Norton-Taylor is the Guardian's security correspondent, Ian Black the paper's diplomatic editor

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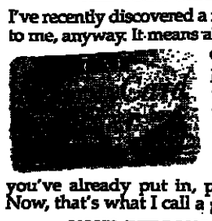

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Elsa de' Giorgi

Legend of a Roman dolce vita

ELSA de' Giorgi, who has died aged 81, was a radiant ingenue beauty of pre-war Italian cinema who married a Florentine count and after the end of the second world war became friend, patroness and sometimes lover to many of Italy's literati. She was a legendary figure of a Roman dolce vita in which the characters were real flesh and blood rather than the shadowy caricatures that Fellini made of them.

Elsa's disarming coquettishness could drive her to pretend that her birth date was a month later than the Boxing Day on which she was really born, not so much in order to lose a year but, one always felt, because in late January she could be sure to rally around her more friends than at Christmas when everyone was involved in family festivities.

At what was to be the last of these birthday gatherings, on January 26 this year, I remember climbing over piles of books which had overflowed from the bookshelves and standing in a corner. There I had once eavesdropped on Pasolini and Moravia arguing heatedly for the last time over a topic of the day. I looked around and realised that real "literati" don't exist anymore. A salon such as Elsa's was an anachronism.

Elsa's film career began in 1933 when, at 18, she was picked by Mario Camerini, father of the *telefoni bianchi* (white telephones), escapist Italian cinema of Fascist times, to play one of those pathetic orphans who have been seduced and abandoned by an upper class scoundrel. The film, *T'amero Sempre* (I'll Always Love You) was later re-made by the same director for Elsa's successor as the ingenue of the moment, Alida Valli. Though Elsa made many films in the 1930s, she tired of ingenue roles and preferred flamboyant costume dramas. Stories of her life as a young film star in Fascist Italy were later retold amusingly by Elsa in what is her best book, *I Coetanei* (Those Of My Age, 1955) which won her the Viareggio literary award.

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Among the characters in her book is a "blond boy", know as the Scarlet Pimpernel because of his work for the Resistance. In real life he was Sandrino, the Florentine nobleman Elsa married in 1948.

As the Contessa Contini Bonacossi her salon in Rome was frequented by Italy's leading intellectuals, Carlo Levi, Renato Guttuso, Alberto Moravia among them. She continued to act, appearing as Helen of Troy in *Troilus and Cressida* in Florence in 1949, with almost every important name of post-war Italian theatre in the cast and also appeared under Strehler's direction in Milan.

Her marriage ended dramatically. Her husband fled to America and committed suicide because of a scandal involving the disappearance of part of the family art collection his grandmother had bequeathed to the state.

Elsa meanwhile had written an account of the war years and submitted it to a publishing house who gave the manuscript to Italo Calvino, for editing. Calvino fell madly in love with Elsa; their affair lasted four years. Some of their correspondence, revealing Calvino's anguished relationship with the Italian Communist Party after the Soviet invasion of Hungary, has been published. The affair inspired Elsa to write a novel, *Ho visto partire il tuo treno* (I Watched Your Train Leave), based on her relationship with Calvino.

Her last screen role was as one of the female narrators in *Salo, the 120 Days of Sodom* (1975), Pier Paolo Pasolini's disturbing transposition of the Marquis de Sade to the times of the fascist puppet republic. Despite the unpleasantness of the role Elsa, who was devoted to Pasolini, accepted the part. The director, out of respect to her, found a stand-in for the close-up shots of the narrator lifting her skirt to reveal her naked buttocks. Elsa's elegance and beauty and above all her exquisite speaking voice softening the scatalogical significance of the language.

Elsa de' Giorgi . . . lover to the literati

Quite late in life, Elsa discovered a vocation by opening a school for young actors in Umbria to which she dedicated much time and energy. Her final novel, to be published posthumously, is a thinly veiled autobiographical account of an older woman's affair with a young actor.

Elsa de' Giorgi belonged to another age, but she was liked and respected by people of all ages for her integrity and taste.

John Francis Lane

Elsa de' Giorgi, actress and writer, born December 28, 1915; died September 12, 1997

James Dunnachie

The power in Glasgow

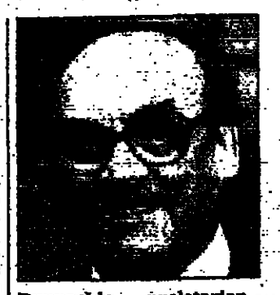
JAMES Dunnachie, former Labour MP for Glasgow-Pollok 1987-97 who has died aged 66, played an unexpected role in helping Mohammad Sarwar, the MP accused of electoral impropriety, become the Labour member for Govan.

When Glasgow's Parliamentary seats were redrawn before the last election, reducing them from eight to seven, it was assumed that Dunnachie would retire when his changed seat went to Ian Davidson, formerly Govan's MP. But then Dunnachie threw his hat into the ring for altered Govan, which threw that contest open and eventually led to Sarwar's victory.

Jimmy Dunnachie was a warm-hearted man, the sort of leftwing proletarian MP-trade unionist who has virtually disappeared from the Commons. He was very much a Glasgow proletarian, born in the city and educated at St Margaret's, Kinning Park. The son of a ship's rigger, he was apprenticed to Firfields shipyard on the Clyde before becoming a fitter at Rolls-Royce's Hillington plant at 22. He had his Amalgamated Engineering Union card at 18, and was a shop steward at 24, long before he had his Labour Party card at 36.

This was the sign the union wanted him to climb the political ladder. He was elected for Pollokshaws to the Glasgow Corporation in 1972, to Glasgow District Council in 1974 and to Strathclyde Regional Council in 1978. His only surprise advance came in 1985 when he was chosen by 50 votes to 41 to succeed James White for the super-safe seat of Pollok, against the Militant-backed front-runner David Churchley, a victory sometimes ascribed to an error in tactical voting by Militant-briefed delegates.

As an MP he cared deeply about unemployment, housing repair and general despair in inner-city Glasgow. He also cared about children obsessed with gaming machines — which he tried repeatedly to ban — Scotland's mentally handicapped, and child labour home and abroad. He also disliked the fluoridation of water, testing cosmetics on animals, late abortions, if any, and reducing the age of consent.



Dunnachie . . . proletarian

His 34 years as a Rolls-Royce engineer, 32 as an AEU shop steward, made him very much a man of the trade union left. He opposed developing Immingham port because he feared it would be used to import coal, undermining the National Union of Mineworkers. He was one of the 150 Labour MPs who opposed Neil Kinnock's 1989 move to nuclear multi-lateralism and initially insisted he would not pay his poll tax.

This made all the more strange Scottish Militant's decision to target his seat as the one to be taken over by their folk hero, Tommy Sheridan, whose more dramatic protests against the poll tax landed him in prison. In the 1992 general election, Sheridan ran second to Dunnachie, taking 19 per cent of the vote and cutting Jimmy's majority by 9,000.

He leaves his wife, Isobel.

Andrew Reith

James Francis Dunnachie, politician, born November 17, 1930; died September 7, 1997

Cécile Dolmetsch

True sound of the past

CECILE Dolmetsch, who died aged 93 less than a month after her brother, Carl, the distinguished recorder player, was the oldest and last surviving of the four children of Arnold Dolmetsch and his third wife, Mabel. She will be chiefly remembered for her propagation of the rare pardessus de viole, an instrument which has now been widely taken up in the world of early music.

She was born in Dorking, Surrey, just before the family moved to America for seven years, followed by a three-year sojourn in France where Arnold, already famous for his work in the revival of early music on authentic instruments, had obtained a post at the Gaveau factory in Paris, making fine harpsichords.

Cécile's experience of growing up in France before the family finally settled in England in 1914 gave her an enduring feel for French culture and music.

All four children inherited rare musical gifts but Cécile's aspirations were at first modest. She participated in her father's concerts at the Haslemere Festival — which he founded in 1925 — and elsewhere but then made a speciality of the pardessus de viole, or descant viol. For many years she was its only professional practitioner.

Solo music for the pardessus is sparse but Cécile uncovered works by composers such as Thomas Marc and Jean Barrière, which had lain undisturbed in French libraries for two centuries. Gradually she built up a repertoire and, helped by other artists, gave annual London concerts featuring the instrument, first at the Chenil Galleries and then, from 1954, at the Great Drawing Room of the Arts Council in St James's Square, a venue which had perfect acoustics for concerts of this kind.

In 1925, Cécile married Leslie C Ward, a craftsman in her father's workshops who was also a fine musician — he played violone at the early Haslemere Festivals — and a skilful recording engineer. With the coming of long-playing records and magnetic tape he initiated a series of limited edition LPs featuring the repertoire performed by his wife and others.

Their happy marriage only ended with Leslie's death in 1980. They had two sons, and and two adopted daughters.

Cécile last played in public on her beautiful Guersan instrument, dating from 1761, at the 66th Haslemere Festival in 1990. She continued to lead a very active life with a steady flow of pupils and in 1989 after the death of her sister, Nathalie, succeeded her as president of the Viola da Gamba Society which they had both helped found in 1948.

> For her repertoire, she uncovered works which had lain undisturbed in French libraries for two centuries

She had an absorbing interest in breeding rare singing birds, and latterly, exotic cats. She also loved travelling, and at the age of 92, set out alone on a package tour to visit the Italian lakes, returning home much refreshed. At the time of her death she was preparing an autobiographical account of her family.

She is survived by one son and two daughters, six grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Richard D C Noble

Cécile Dolmetsch, musician, born March 22, 1904; died August 9, 1997

Cécile Dolmetsch . . . for many years the only professional practitioner of the pardessus de viole

Dr Dewi Eirug Davies

DEWI Eirug Davies, who has died aged 75, embodied the radical, nationalist anti-war strand within the Free Churches in Wales.

The eldest son of a Telfy Valley preacher-poet, he was ordained in 1950 after the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, Carmarthen Presbyterian College, and London University.

For years he edited the weekly newspaper Y Tyst, and the University of Wales theological journal, Diwinyddiaeth. An American sabbatical resulted in his first, and delightful book, *Blas Virginia* (1964). He also edited *Ffoline Pregethu* (The Foolishness of Preaching) a volume of of young ministers' sermons in 1967, and in 1972 his *Gwinggan a Roddwyd* (A Vineyard Given) explored language, culture and religion. *Haff Ddysgedig Nyth* (1976) was a history of his old Carmarthen college and in 1984 he published his acclaimed, massive study of Welsh theology. In 1988 came *Byddin Y Brenin* (The Army of the King) and in 1993 *Protest a Thystiolaeth* (Protest and Witness) on Welsh pacifism in the first and second world wars. He himself was a wartime conscientious objector, serving as a farm labourer.

In 1970 he became principal of Memorial College, Swansea. A much sought after preacher and lecturer, and an effective broadcaster, he was given the highest honour of his denomination as President of the Union of Welsh Independent Churches.

D Ben Rees

Rev Dr Dewi Eirug Davies, theologian, born February 6, 1922; died August 8, 1997

Birthdays

Prince Harry, 13; Gen Eva Burrows, former international leader, Salvation Army, 68; Jackie Cooper, actor, 75; Phyllis Cunningham, chief executive, Royal Marsden Hospital, 60; Prof Brian Fender, chief executive, Higher Education Funding Council, 63; Rafael Fruhbeck de Burgos, conductor, 64; Dr Richard Gordon, novelist, 76; David Lepper, Labour MP, 52; Jessye Norman, soprano, 52; Lady (Mary) Soames, writer, chairman, Royal National Theatre, 75; Graham Taylor, football manager, 53; Alan Whitehead, Labour MP, 47.

Death Notices

DIETRICH, Prof. Bernard Clive. Beloved husband of Ann, dear father of Christine, Susie and Nitz. Died at home on 11 September. Funeral at Aberystwyth Crematorium on 17 September at 2.15pm. Family flowers only. Donations to Marie Curie Cancer Care, Brecon Road, Abergavenny, Monmouthshire, NP7 7RR.

Birthdays

MEGHJI, Sheila, is 18 today. Congratulations, love Mum, Dad, Nina, P and S.

Engagements

HART-POWER. Harry B. Hart, eldest son of Mr David Hart of Chedgrove House, Shimpling, Suffolk and Ms Karin Weig, has announced his engagement to Miss Tasmia Isabella Power, daughter of His Excellency the late David K. Power SqA OBE and Begum Zaharat Power-Clare, of Southgate House, Norwich.

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Stands to reason

HUMAN beings are endowed with the capacity to form beliefs and to make decisions, and we sometimes achieve these feats by a process known as reasoning.

In the quest for justified judgment, we consider the reasons that warrant a certain conclusion. The name if this faculty, appropriately enough, is "reason" and it divides into the theoretical (belief formation) and the practical (decision-making). Reason is what enables us to weigh reasons in the course of reasoning. But what kinds of things are reasoning? What is the nature of human reason?

The traditional concept of reason, aptly called rationalist, holds that reason is mental capacity that is responsive to an independent realm of timeless, objective truths and principles of argument. These are both deductive and inductive.

By the use of reason, we acknowledge these truths and conform our thinking about them to the rules of valid argument. When reason is operating optimally, it tracks the layout of this independent realm of fact and logical consequence, and its products are to be evaluated according to the objective standards that it purports to mirror.

Thus, to take an ancient example, suppose I form the belief that Socrates is a man and all men are mortal: I will have reasoned to a true conclusion based on two true premises and a valid logical principle, namely, that if everything of a certain kind has a property then any particular thing of that kind must have the property. Since the premises are true and the logical principle valid, my reason has led me to form a true and justified belief.

Are these reasons to be cheerful?
New Republic.

Face facts

HOW do we look? In our culture the implications of this question are intimately connected to our own sense of self-worth.

Fashion dictates that it is desirable to be slim, the alternative idea is that of the pneumatic page 3 icon. These bodies are designed to be looked at rather than lived in; built for (and sometimes by) speed rather than comfort. What is conspicuous about these figures is their appeal to perfection — ideally the skin should be flawless, untouched by age, no trace of food or fluid should ever pass those pristine lips, no ingesting, no digesting, no excreting; no hint of sickness or corruption should mar the form.

Of course no one, not even the most famous super-model is quite that super-perfect. Naomi is under the impression that her feet are too big, Claudia feels that the two eensy-teensy scars on her knee detract from her otherwise flawless ivory skin. But for most of us, men and women alike, the standards we imagine as norms for our bodies are in outrageous contrast to the reality that confronts us.

When we are old, when we are sick, when we are fat . . . How do we look then? And when we see a body that has succumbed to the inevitable conditions of mortality, where do we look? Most often, we look away. And if, fascinated by the fate of that other body, we look again, perhaps satisfied by our relative perfection, we look on in pity or, worse yet, to ridicule.

We have become accustomed to a peculiar invisibility. Beyond a certain age and, in certain states, the body goes unseen, unrepresented. Its nakedness, its debilitation, becomes a private matter, and if, on rare occasions, it is publicly unveiled, this body inspires feelings of shame.

Photographer Melanie Manchot talks body talk in Scene.

Name games

EVERY black music has had to fight the naming battle. Charles Mingus would never use the word Jazz, feeling that it demeaned his art. Jazz also went through periods where it was called "jungle" music — the idea being that it was an exotic, tribal sound. Ironically, Jungle seems to have been self-named, although no one can agree how.

Trace . . . cool music

However, an aspect of the drum 'n' bass/breakbeat scene has been the constant quest by the artists to name the music on the "artist's" terms.

In another example, the hip hop scene has always had an ambivalent relationship with the term "rap music."

The danger here is not so much of a "sell out" but of ridicule and demise. Look at "trip-hop" — another media-manufactured term. The output of this "genre" grew as quickly as public interest evaporated. Look at the failed attempt to launch "Brit Hop" and then the repackaging of Brit Hop as "Big Beat". All of it smacks of a lack of authenticity, but this is the very least of the problems. More importantly, these manufactured terms sound horribly uncool. And what ain't cool, the kids don't buy.

Trace asks, What's in a name?

Eat up

HEMINGWAY wrote that Paris was a movable feast, and the British contemporary art world had become much the same. A whole pack of hungry young artists has brewed up a storm in a teapot, and their offerings are being lauded from coast to coast among the art-loving nations of the world.

The connection with food is strong: whether it's a shark on dry ice, or a newly-made kebab with fried eggs, it's still art. (For Sarah Lucas's work, a handy kebab shop on Piccadilly will supply new ingredients every other day; and RA conservator will do the honours of replacing them.)

Food art has even moved into the restaurants: Damien Hirst, the Lord Byron of the YBAs, [Young British Artists] has not only redecorated the Soho eaterie Quo Vadis, but is currently poised to turn his design skills in the direction of the defunct restaurant Centro 50 in Notting Hill. Hirst is set to rival Terence Conran as a legend at his own lunch table.

What is this new art that surrounds us? To many, contemporary art is not only a bad joke, but an example of supremely bad taste. That, perhaps, is to view it through the reactionary eyes of tradition; and that, no doubt, is to do it a monumental disservice.

The principal point about the art made today on what's called the "cutting edge" is that it defies everything. It defies its elders, not just in the art world but in society.

To some extent, this is what every generation does: react against its predecessor. Think of Pop art reacting against the dreary kitchen sink realism of the 1950s. Nowadays Pop is trad, tame in comparison to the YBAs, though in some respects, (the use of popular culture and espousal of the media) Pop is the godfather of the whole YBA movement.

The godfathers of art, in RA magazine.

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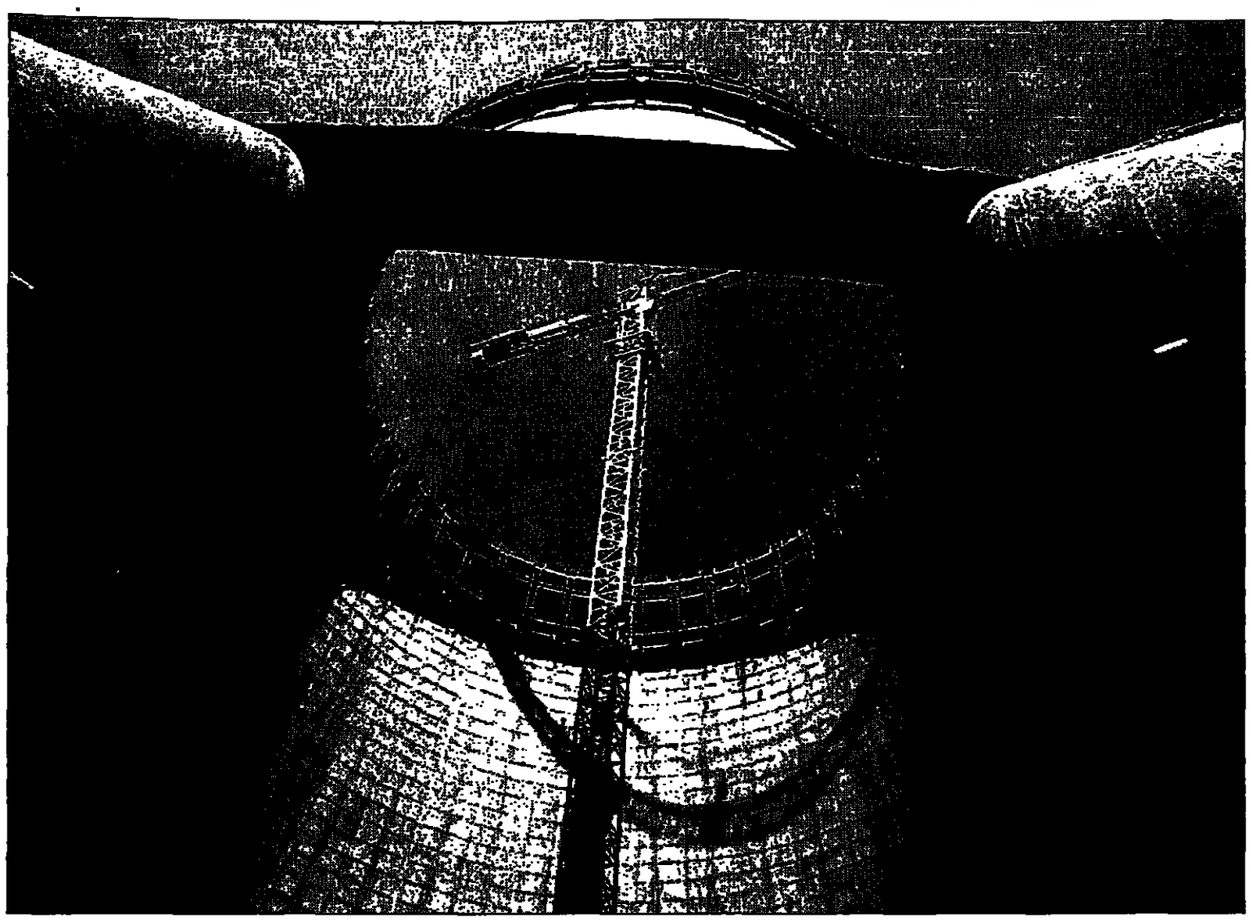

A 655 MW gas-fired plant in Gujurat, a new project operated by PowerGen. India is likely to be one of the biggest energy users by 2020 PHOTOGRAPH: POWERGEN

WORLD energy demand will double and electricity consumption triple by the year 2020, according to a report published today by PowerGen, Britain's second largest generator, *writes Nicholas Bannister.*

The bulk of the increase will come from Asia-Pacific countries, as an increasing proportion of fast-growing populations move from rural areas into the towns and cities.

But demand will also grow in the established industrial nations of Europe and North America as a result of changing lifestyles — including more but smaller households occupied by singles, separated or elderly people.

The report forecasts that governments will accelerate privatisation of energy businesses to cope with the £1.87 trillion investment needed to expand production to meet demand.

The PowerGen report is timed to coincide with the sixth annual world energy development congress being held in Hong Kong. It says the United States will still be the largest energy user by 2020, but it will be followed by China, South Korea, Japan and India. The next countries would be Thailand, Indonesia, France, Canada and Russia. Britain, which now ranks as number eight, will not make the top 10.

PowerGen predicts two types of power companies will emerge — large groups diversified across a range of countries and business activities, and smaller technically flexible companies in niche markets.

Call to justify gas price cuts

Celia Weston
Industrial Correspondent

ENERGY minister John Battle will today put the gas industry and its regulator, Clare *Spottiswoode, under pressure* to guarantee that the poorest consumers gain from the introduction of competition.

Mr Battle is understood to be calling in senior executives from BG, the former British Gas, to justify why the price cuts for domestic gas users announced last week exclude millions of low-income consumers.

The minister last week said he was "deeply concerned" about the higher prices charged to those on lower incomes. Today he will also want to know why, as the in*dustry watchdog, Ms Spottis*woode has allowed the price cuts to go ahead on this basis.

The gas regulator, Ofgas, has yet to publish the findings of several inquiries about the impact of similar, earlier, price cuts on low-income customers and on suppliers competing for a share of the 19 million-strong market.

Meanwhile, rival suppliers and the Gas Consumers Council have warned of the threat to successful competition from bringing forward the starting date. Ms Spottiswoode has insisted on Novem*ber 1 as the day when house*holds in Scotland and Northeast England get the chance to switch gas supplier.

Sue Slipman, director of the GCC, said: "At the current rate of progress we have worries that neither the systems nor the policy solutions will be in place in time to allow low-income consumers — including 1 million prepayment meter customers — to switch supplier. This means that, once again, it will be the poorest and those who have been in debt who will have no choice."

The GCC has also asked the *regulator to investigate the* price cuts decision because it believed that British Gas Trading, the supplier to domestic users, was abusing its monopoly position.

The planned price cuts, due to take effect from mid-January, would reduce an average £340 annual bill by £28.

But leading suppliers have already demanded that the regulator prevent BGT introducing the cuts so close to the date of competition being extended to new areas.

Scottish Power, Amerada and Calortex have told Ms Spottiswoode that they have *severe reservations about the* systems which are being put in place to allow customers to switch supplier.

Neil Lambert, senior executive at Calortex, said: "The regulator seems determined to push through the earlier competition start date against the advice of some leading players. We've told her that there is some risk we might have systems failures."

Mr Lambert warned, too, about the effects of the regulator allowing BGT to introduce the new price cuts.

He warned there was already evidence that some sup*pliers were dropping out be*cause BGT had been allowed to retaliate on price while retaining an average 77 per cent share of the market.

"They have to be handcuffed by the regulator and not allowed to bring in unilateral price cuts," Mr Lambert said.

Oil company staff bonus ups ante on boards' pay

Lisa Buckingham
City Editor

ENTERPRISE Oil, the exploration and production group, looks set to re-ignite the controversy over executive pay by expanding its boardroom bonus scheme to all of its employees.

The move reflects the inclusive approach of *its new chief* executive, Pierre Jungels, and is a reaction to the increasingly frantic scramble to recruit and keep top people in the global oil industry.

Dr Jungels told the Guardian: "It is not right to confine these payments to executive directors. Everyone in the company has contributed to that performance, and they should all benefit."

But his stance is at odds with most companies, which have resisted calls to link boardroom pay-rises to those *of ordinary employees.* The Greenbury Committee on top pay appealed for such linkage, and corporate governance campaigners have argued that the benefits confined to directors should be spread among the workforce to act as an incentive beyond the boardroom.

Exceptions to the norm include NatWest Markets, which is on the point of introducing a wider scheme in an attempt to stop defections to rivals, while Asda, the super*market group, has a share-op*tion programme extending to all employees.

Enterprise Oil, the largest independent oil and gas producer in Britain, is expected to introduce its new bonus plan next spring, after it has been considered by the board's remuneration committee. An internal memo has, however, already been issued by the chief executive's office, notifying employees of the proposals.

According to the company's last annual report, the directors' bonus scheme offers a potential 50 per cent of annual salary if the individual and company's performance hits certain targets. In the last financial year, executive directors of Enterprise — which was one of the best performing shares in the FTSE 100 — were awarded annual bonuses worth 32.5 per cent of their basic salaries.

In the case of the chairman, Graham Hearne, that was worth an extra £112,125. If a similar award is made this *year, Dr Jungels could expect* a bonus of £113,750 on his £350,000 salary.

Enterprise Oil employs only about 635 people, whose salaries set the company back only £27.5 million last year. If they had all been given the bonus currently confined to executive directors it would have added just under £9 million or 1.4 per cent to total costs of £660 million.

But even a labour-intensive business such as Marks & Spencer would face an increase of only 2 per cent in its £6.8 billion costs if the 20 per cent bonus paid to executives last year were spread among the company's 68,000 staff.

Charity challenges IMF growth fallacy

Roger Cowe

POVERTY in developing countries can be reduced by better health and education and labour-intensive employment, *according to a report pub*lished today by Oxfam.

It comes as economic leaders gather in Hong Kong for this week's meetings of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank, where the Chancellor, Gordon Brown, will make the relief of world poverty a priority issue.

The aid charity's conclusions are based on the experience of East Asia, where poverty has declined rapidly in recent years. The charity says 200 million people worked their way out of poverty since 1970.

Veena Siddharth, Oxfam's international Advocacy Officer, said: "East Asia is testament to the fact that rapid poverty reduction is possible. It also exposes the fallacy, central to much of the thinking in the IMF and World Bank, that there is a trade-off between policies for rapid growth and policies for poverty reduction."

The report contrasts successes in East Asia with experience in South Asia, Latin America and sub-Saharan Af*rica. It identifies asset distri*bution and the nature of social spending as key tools in reducing poverty.

Latin American growth during this decade did not prevent the numbers in poverty expanding from 197 mil*lion to 209 million. The expe*rience of Vietnam and China, on the other hand, suggests growth must also be combined with social, rural and industrial policies.

But Oxfam warns that the region's recent currency problems could halve poverty reduction.

Mutuals 'best for pensions'

Sarah Ryle

THE explosion in demand for personal pensions — a result of Labour's review of pensions provision — will benefit mutual insurance firms more than rivals who have sold out to shareholders, according to an industry expert in a report published today.

Public distrust of personal pensions means that Labour will demand much simpler, more flexible and cheaper products — already offered by firms like Equitable Life and Standard Life, said industry analyst James Pearce of the stockbroker Fox-Pitt, Kelton.

He said: "The mutuals offer advantages that the proprietary insurers do not. They offer low charges and high early surrender values, and they are just as cost-efficient.

"The Labour Party has a gut instinct that mutuals are better than proprietary firms. There is a feeling that shareholders are out to rape policyholders financially — which has in the past been true.

"There will be a big fight between the companies. There will be a few winners left standing."

The most likely outcome of the Government's review — due to be completed next year — is a system identifying pension plans of which the Government approves. That *would reduce the need for in*dependent financial advisers — particularly for the low-earners who will make up the majority of the new business created by pensions reform.

Mr Pearce's findings, based on analysis of companies who accounted for 55 per cent of new life and pensions business last year, is a blow for firms like Norwich Union, which has converted to public company status, and Prudential, Britain's biggest insurer.

Mutuals already have a high profile in the pensions market, with 42 per cent of last year's new business written by firms owned by their customers.

Market crashes, just for fun

IAN KING looks at the results of brokers playing new system

LONDON'S stock market crashed by 150 points at the weekend — but it was all part of a rehearsal for the stock exchange's new trading system, Sets, which starts operating next month.

More than 3,500 City workers from 89 companies — mainly dealers and technicians — were at their desks on Saturday morning for the trial run.

The new system, using "order-driven" trading, is the biggest shake-up the City has seen 1986, when dealers desert the stock exchange floor for electronic dealing rooms.

Due to start on October 20 — for some, uncomfortably close to the 10th anniversary of Black Monday, when stock markets plummeted — the new system *will initially apply only to* the top 100 stocks.

It is intended to replace the present system, where market-makers quote prices at which they will trade, and buying and selling of shares is conducted *mainly by telephone.*

In future, investors will be able to buy or sell shares instantly, with the trades being executed electronically.

Saturday's rehearsal follows a run last weekend in which the systems involved were tested by technicians.

It is the first of three full rehearsals, in which all Stock Exchange member firms must take part, with dummy trading sessions *running from 10am to 2pm.*

The market's turnover of shares during Saturday's mock session — which saw the market race 150 points higher at one stage, only to fall by a similar amount later — was far higher than it was during real trading last week.

News in brief

Discount for property buyers

Regalian, the property group, has issued a gold card to customers who have bought from *it during the last two years.*

The card will entitle holders to discounts of up to £15,000 on property purchases.

Music to their ears

An independent survey of entertainment agents by Credit Suisse, the investment bank, shows 84 per cent expecting pop stars to double earnings over the next five years, with most of the growth being driven by strong overseas record sales.

Banking speeds up

The banking sector grew more than 50 per cent faster than the rest of the UK economy during the past decade, says British Invisibles, the group which promotes the City's contribution to invisible earnings.

TOURIST RATES — BANK SELLS

Australia 2.15	France 9.29	Italy 2,726	Singapore 2.86
Austria 19.48	Germany 2.768	Malta 0.611	South Africa 7.28
Belgium 57.17	Greece 438.00	Netherlands 3.10	Spain 232.00
Canada 2.188	Hong Kong 12.02	New Zealand 2.447	Sweden 12.12
Cyprus 0.827	India 58.02	Norway 11.40	Switzerland 2.29
Denmark 10.61	Ireland 1.03	Portugal 281.80	Turkey 280,170
Finland 8.387	Israel 5.56	Saudi Arabia 5.69	USA 1.5825

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Economics Notebook

By George: Best tax we never had

Victor Keegan

IF Labour, having ruled out any increases in income tax, finds itself in a fiscal frazzle, it could do a lot worse than turn to George. Not Eddie George, the Governor of the Bank of England, but Henry George.

Henry who? Henry George wrote the world's first best-selling book about economics, Progress and Poverty (1879), in which he advocated the best tax never to have been tried in Britain: a tax on land values. H G Wells and George Bernard Shaw both cited George as the main reason for their conversion to socialism, as did countless others. The book hugely outsold Das Kapital, which may help explain why Karl Marx dismissed it as "the capitalists' last ditch", presumably because George *wanted land to remain in pri*vate hands and recommended merely transfering the "rent" to the community.

Although the Liberals espoused it with enthusiasm in the early part of this century and Philip Snowden included it in his 1931 budget, only to see it thrown out by the Conservatives in 1934, a land tax has always remained on the top shelf in Britain as the best idea never given an outing.

There are reasons for suggesting that the time may now be ripe for its rehabilitation. First, we are running out of alternatives. Labour is faced with demands for big increases in spending on education and health — while being unable to find ways to finance them. Income tax has been ruled out by a foolish pre-elec*toral promise which Labour* will be forced to renew before the next general election: companies are becoming more adept at minimising their tax bills and it is deemed too politically explosive to extend VAT to food.

Second, the combined effects of globalisation and the growth of the Internet could turn large areas of commerce into tax-avoidance zones. In these circumstances, governments wanting to maintain welfare states have either got to tax the products of the in*formation revolution — like* the proposed "bit-tax" on dig*ital data,* which needs global agreement to be effective — or to find a domestic tax that is easy to raise and cannot be easily avoided.

ENTER the land tax. It is the most intellectually justified of all taxes. As Tom Paine said, "it is the value of the improvement only, and not the earth itself, that is individual property". The tax would be levied on the value of the unimproved *land, not on any property.* Advocates claim that such a tax would penalise those who leave land idle, and so could lead to greater wealth creation and more employment.

When land values increase for reasons unconnected with the individual effort of the owner — as when a new underground line is being built in a neighbourhood, pushing up land prices — then the benefit would accrue to the whole community instead of being an unearned gain for the local landowners.

This would make it much easier to justify public spending on infrastructure, because a land tax would lead to a measureable increase in revenue for the Exchequer, with the actual amount being fixed by market forces. The housing boom of the late 1980s, which had nothing to do with the cost of bricks, could have produced bonanza revenues for the Treasury instead of being spent as unearned gains — although, of course, the existence of a land tax may have prevented it from getting out of hand.

The Liberal Democrats believe that there has never been a better time to get a land tax back on the agenda, given the unpopularity of existing taxes, such as the uniform business rate, and the prospect of the new devolved assemblies wishing to find their own sources of finance.

The party is about to pub*lish a new booklet, Land in a* Liberal Democracy, which quotes John Stuart Mill on its cover: "The increase in the value of land, arising as it does from the efforts of an entire community, should belong to the community and not to the individual who might hold the title."

The book points to parts of the world where forms of land taxation have been successfully applied, like Hong Kong, Cape Province and parts of Australia. The authors believe that the main obstacle is not active opposition but widespread ignorance of what was once considered something of a fiscal panacea.

BUT you do not have to swallow everything that Henry George claimed *for it — including the elimi*nation of poverty and unemployment — to believe that it is worth a try. The baseline political attraction is that it is a fair tax which cannot be easily avoided. No accountant in the world will be able to shift the land to an offshore tax haven, though rest assured they will have a darned good try. If it starts to dynamise the use of land, leading to higher employment, then that will be an added bonus.

No one knows what the potential yield of a tax on *annual land values would be,* since it has to be valued before it can be assessed. But conservative estimates suggest it could be roughly equivalent to the £50 billion a year yield of VAT.

It would be up to the Government to decide whether the proceeds would be used to lower other taxes in a fiscally neutral way — in which case the main but not inconsiderable effect of the tax would be the release of land currently hoarded — or whether most of it should be allocated to the *financing of education and* health.

There will never be a popular tax, but by George, that does not mean that there cannot be a least unpopular one.

Retailers set for windfall gains

This week

Tony May

DALGETY, the animal feed firm, is expected to reveal plans today to sell off peripheral businesses to reward suffering shareholders. The company's results follow several profit warnings.

Retailers' results, especially at Kingfisher, should show whether windfall spending has lost some of its strength. Kingfisher's B&Q offshoot, market leader in home improvement products, is set to be the driving force behind a 24 per cent rise in profits to £136 million thanks to a buoyant housing market and windfall spending on durables.

In the grocery sector, strong growth in UK sales volumes should have pushed Tesco's half-year profits up from £326 million to about £350 million. But the group's overseas business will be less impressive.

Analysts expect the record of Catteau, the group's French unit, to be very poor. The business could soon be divested.

Late last week, Tesco ruled out making a bid for Casino, the French supermarket group facing a £3 billion bid from rival Promodes.

Interim profits of the Next fashion group should climb by 24 per cent to £69.5 million, and analysts expect second-half sales to remain strong but less so than in the first *half.*

TODAY — Interims: British Polythene, Country Casuals, English China Clays, Inchcape, Travis Perkins. **Finals:** City Technology, Dalgety, European Leisure, Shire Pharmaceuticals.
TOMORROW — Interims: Acorn, William Baird, Delta, John Mowlem, Rexam, SGB, Taylor Woodrow, Tesco. **Finals:** Dorling Kindersley, Hays.
WEDNESDAY — Interims: BG, Bowthorpe, Britannic Assurance, Hardy Oil & Gas, Kingfisher, John Laing, Bernard Matthews, Next, Savoy Hotel, Wassall, Wetmoughs. **Finals:** Towry Law.
THURSDAY — Interims: Albright & Wilson, Dairy Farm, Hong Kong Land, Huntleigh Technology, Jardine Matheson, Kwik-Fit, Alfred McAlpine, Mandarin Oriental, William Morrison, P&O, RMC.
FRIDAY — Interims: Liberty, Charles Taylor. **Finals:** Allied Leisure.

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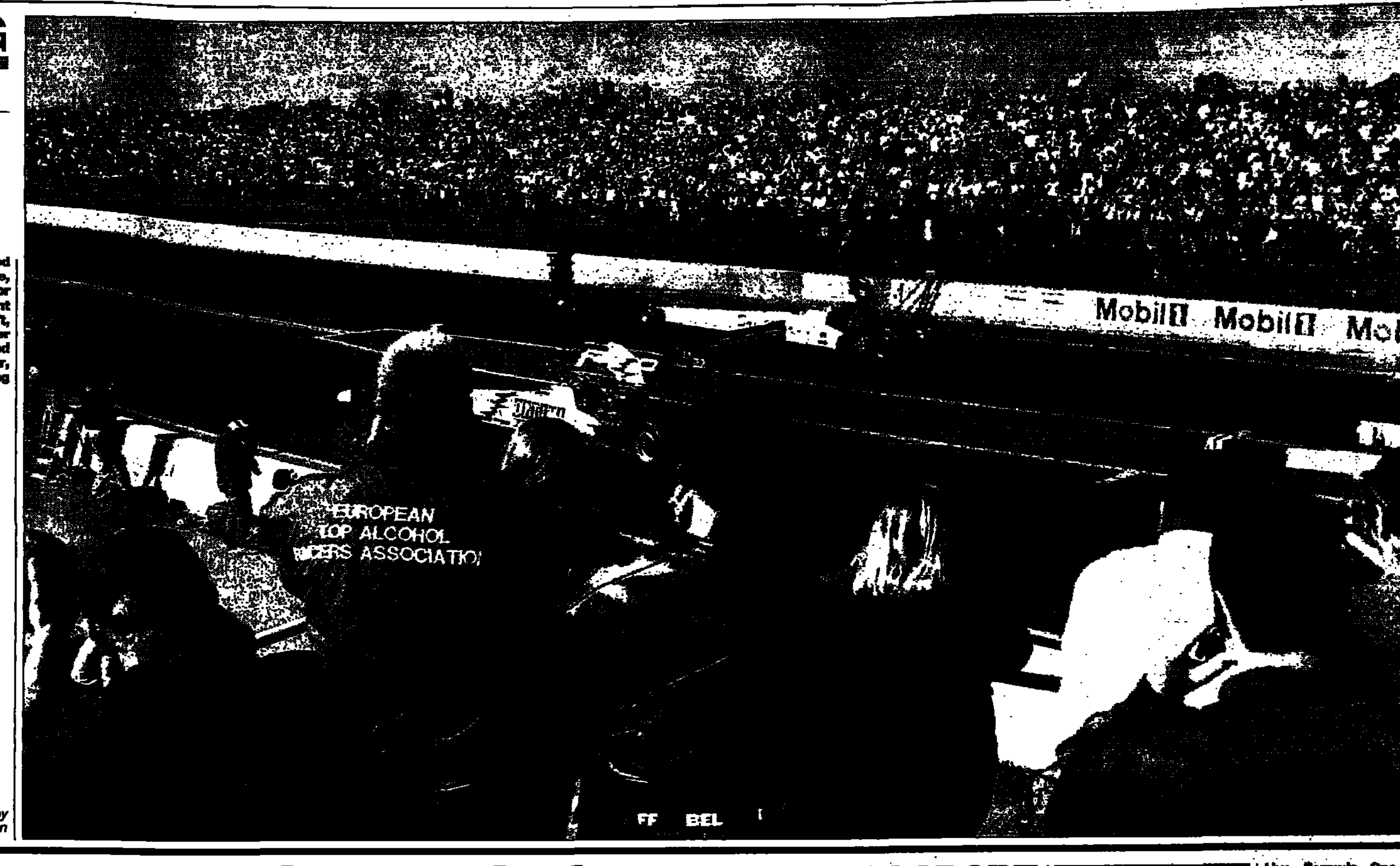
PARTING SHOT



Big noise ... at Santa Pod Raceway, Northamptonshire, as fans protect their ears for the Top Fuel Dragsters event Sweden's Kent Persson, left, is still competing at 51 after returning to the sport and yesterday faced Andy Carter, who went into the race saying 'we are set up to run hard'

Photograph by Frank Baron

Camel story can give you the hump

SCREEN BREAK

Martin Kelner

IT HAS been a week in which the nation learnt to laugh again, to raise itself from the slough of despond and enjoy the lighter side of life.

So Geoff Hurst's anecdote about the man who sexually molested a camel was probably perfectly in order. It left me a little open-mouthed, though, and I dare say caused a ripple of surprise among the producers of Eat My Sports, Sky's allegedly humourous Friday night sports show.

After all you don't invite an England legend on to your show, not a fine upstanding Roy of the Rovers figure like Hurst, and expect him to kick off with a little zinger about deviant sexual practices.

Still, they only have themselves to blame. Hurst, it appears, spent some time coaching in Kuwait, a fact the programme, in that irritating footy-lad way, seemed to find hilarious. For reasons unfathomable to anyone who has never attended a TV production meeting, their way of indicating just how side-splittingly funny they felt Hurst in Kuwait to be was to show a photograph of presenter Angus Loughran with a camel.

"Funny thing about camels," said Geoff, "when I first arrived in Kuwait there was a picture of a camel on the front of the newspaper, and it turned out some bloke was accused of ... well ... you know ... sort of interfering with it. And there it was all over the front page. You know, this bloke ... with a camel ..."

Disappointingly, the story sort of you know ended there, but it was still by some distance the funniest thing on Eat My Sports since the series started, and I write as someone who has watched three of the programmes, purely out of a sense of duty, and with a growing feeling that whatever I am paid for this column is somehow not enough.

The current wisdom in television seems to be that the public appetite for jokes about footballers' bad haircuts and film of batsmen catching a cricket ball in the testicles is pretty well insatiable. Call me a party pooper but I had had about as much as I wanted of that stuff mid-way through the second series of Fantasy Football League, and well before the first series of Eamon Holmes's sporting bloopers.

If you are going to go over this tired old ground again, it might help if an original idea were floating around in there somewhere. Eat My Sports is a photocopy of a photocopy of everything we have seen and switched off before.

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The audience are fans in replica strips (just like in Fantasy Football League), the set is a bar (just like in TFIF), and the guests are straight from sport's celebrity Z-list, dropping off on their way from Mrs Merton to Talk Radio (I haven't seen Eric Hall yet, but that may be because I haven't been paying attention).

I thought things were looking up this week when they announced that Ian Wright was a guest, but that turned out to be this week's joke.

It was, in fact ... wait for it ... hold your sides ... Ian Wright, the amateur footballer from Amersham. The only other joke visible to the naked eye was Loughran making his entrance from the Gents.

It is a shame to see him used this way. As the only man in Britain who understands how spread betting works, Angus is a national treasure. His column in these very pages will show you new and creative ways to lose your money, but his success in Fantasy Football League was as straight man to Skinner and Baddiel.

Now, with his co-presenter Tom Watt — who must be thinking he was maybe a little precipitate in abandoning the role of Lofty in EastEnders to concentrate on sports journalism and presenting — Angus is part of the only comedy double act comprising two straight men (apart, of course, from Little and Large).

The other new sports programme running on Sky One, Reds In Europe, is much better. It consists of archive footage and reminiscences of Manchester United and Liverpool's triumphs and tragedies in Europe. Tales of travelling to away matches in Europe in the Fifties and Sixties successfully conjured up the sense of adventure, but no testimony summed up a bygone era as well as Tommy Smith's.

When Shankly arrived at Anfield, said Smith, "the place was really buzzing. There was steam coming from the Kop". To supporters familiar with those terraces in the Sixties, and with the shortcomings of the toilet arrangements at Anfield, Smith's unconscious choice of metaphor will have brought it all back.

TV SPORT HIGHLIGHTS

Today

Live Rugby League Wigan v Leeds, Premiership quarter-final. *Sky Sports 1, 7pm*
Live Cycling Tour of Spain. *Eurosport, 2pm*
American Football The Big Match. *C4, 11.30pm*

Tuesday 16

Live Football Celtic v Liverpool, Uefa Cup first round first leg. *BBC1, 8pm; Uefa Cup highlights Eurosport, 10.30pm*
Live Cycling Tour of Spain. *Eurosport, 2pm*
Live Football PAOK Salonika v Arsenal, Uefa Cup first round first leg. *C5, 6.30pm*
Live Football Scunthorpe v Everton, Coca-Cola Cup second round first leg. *Sky Sports 2, 7.30pm; Coca-Cola Cup highlights ITV, 11.35pm*
Live Football Atletico Madrid v Leicester, Uefa Cup first round first leg. *Eurosport, 8.30pm*
Football Bordeaux v Aston Villa, Uefa Cup first round first leg. *C5, 9.20pm*

Wednesday 17

Live Football Newcastle v Barcelona, Champions League. *ITV, 7.30pm; Champions League highlights ITV, 11.40pm*

Thursday 18

Live Football Chelsea v Slovan Bratislava, Cup Winners' Cup first round first leg. *C5, 7.30pm*
Live Golf British Masters, day one. *Sky Sports 1, 10am-1.30pm and 3-6pm*
Live Cycling Tour of Spain. *Eurosport, 2pm*

Friday 19

Live Rugby League The first Premiership semi-final. *Sky Sports 1, 7pm*
Live Golf British Masters. *Sky Sports 1, 10.30am-1.30pm and 3-6pm*
Live Cycling Tour of Spain. *Eurosport, 2pm*
Racing From Newbury. *BBC2, 2.20pm*
Live Tennis US v Australia, Davis Cup semi-final. *Sky Sports 3, 4pm*
Live Football Brentford v Wycombe. *Sky Sports 2, 7pm*

Saturday 20

Live Rugby Union Bath v Brive, European Cup. *Sky Sports 2, 2pm*
Live Formula One Austrian Grand Prix, qualifying. *ITV, 11.45am*
Grandstand Including football, touring cars and racing. *BBC1, 12.15pm*
Live Golf British Masters. *Sky Sports 3, 1pm*
Live Cycling Tour of Spain. *Eurosport, 2.15pm*
Racing From Ayr and the Curragh. *C4, 2.50pm*
Football Match of the Day. *BBC1, 10.50pm*

Sunday 21

Live Football Chelsea v Arsenal. *Sky Sports 1, 3pm*
Live Football Charlton v Bradford. *Sky Sports 2, 12 noon*
Sunday Grandstand Including racing, yachting and gymnastics. *BBC2, 12.25pm*
Live Formula One Austrian Grand Prix. *ITV, 12.30pm; highlights 11.10pm*
Live Golf British Masters. *Sky Sports 3, 1pm*
Live Tennis US v Australia. *Sky Sports 2, 3pm*
Live Cycling Tour of Spain. *Eurosport, 3.15pm*
Live Rugby League The second Premiership semi-final. *Sky Sports 1, 6.30pm*
Live American Football Buffalo v Indianapolis. *Sky Sports 1, 9pm*

Weekend results

RUGBY UNION

HEINEKEN CUP

Pool A
Milan 14 Toulouse 19

Pool B
Swansea 33 Ulster 16
Glasgow 22 Wasps 46

Pool C
Brive 32 Pontypridd 31
Scottish Borders 17 Bath 31

Pool D
Cardiff 43 Munster 23
Harlequins 45 Bourgoin 7

Pool E
Caledonia 17 Treviso 9
Pau 44 Llanelli 12

EUROPEAN CONFERENCE

Pool A
Ebbw Vale 28 Bristol 13
La Rochelle 20 Agen 33

Pool B
Montferrand 58 Newport 32
Montpellier 30 Sale 12

Pool C
Stade Francais 83 Farul Constanta 10

Pool D
Northampton 25 Begles 13
Nice 20 Connacht 16

Pool E
Richmond 43 Bridgend 11
Colomiers 60 Grenoble 10

Pool F
Beziers 40 Padova 23
Gloucester L Toulon L

Pool G
Edinburgh 15 Biarritz 32
Newcastle 60 Perpignan 3

Pool H
Neath 10 Narbonne 50
Saracens 26 Castres 21

ALLIED DUNBAR

Premiership Two
Blackheath 29 Wakefield 27
Exeter 17 Bedford 32
Fylde 15 Coventry 23
Moseley 16 West Hartlepool 21
Rotherham 14 Orrell 29
Waterloo 17 London Scottish 36

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ldn Scottish	3	3	0	0	105	32	6
Coventry	3	3	0	0	72	35	6
Orrell	2	2	0	0	55	31	4
Bedford	2	2	0	0	50	28	4
Waterloo	3	2	0	1	68	73	4
W Hartlepool	2	1	0	1	40	37	2
Exeter	3	1	0	2	44	76	2
Blackheath	3	1	0	2	52	87	2
Moseley	2	0	0	2	28	41	0
Wakefield	3	0	0	3	60	78	0
Rotherham	2	0	0	2	25	47	0
Fylde	2	0	0	2	24	56	0

JEWSON NATIONAL LEAGUE ONE
Harrogate 50 Morley 19
London Welsh 21 Leeds 21
Lydney 13 Liverpool St Helens 0
Newbury 21 Worcester 29
Otley 3 Rugby 22
Rosslyn Park 17 Reading 29
Wharfedale 22 Nottingham 14

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Worcester	3	3	0	0	100	37	6
Reading	3	2	0	1	78	51	4
Rugby	2	2	0	0	42	16	4
Wharfedale	3	2	0	1	65	67	4
London Welsh	2	1	1	0	62	41	3
Leeds	2	1	1	0	48	45	3
Harrogate	2	1	0	1	74	48	2
Newbury	2	1	0	1	47	44	2
Rosslyn Park	2	1	0	1	32	34	2
Lydney	3	1	0	2	35	50	2
Otley	3	1	0	2	37	70	2
Nottingham	2	0	0	2	28	48	0
Liv St Helens	2	0	0	2	7	55	0
Morley	3	0	0	3	36	88	0

WELSH NATIONAL LEAGUE

Division One
Aberavon 46 Maesteg 25
Abertillery 26 UWIC 14
Blackwood 26 Rumney 10
Dunvant 30 Bonymaen 16
Llandovery 16 S Wales Police 25
Newbridge 12 Cross Keys 5
Pontypool 12 Caerphilly 60
Treorchy 22 Merthyr 17

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Caerphilly	3	3	0	0	178	26	16
Aberavon	4	3	0	1	140	76	13
Treorchy	4	3	0	1	111	91	10
Abertillery	4	3	0	1	73	64	9
Merthyr	3	2	0	1	70	46	8
S Wales Police	4	2	0	2	72	77	7
Cross Keys	3	2	0	1	40	27	6
Dunvant	3	2	0	1	77	98	6
Newbridge	3	2	0	1	35	25	6
Maesteg	3	1	0	2	59	59	4
Blackwood	4	1	0	3	48	95	3
Bonymaen	3	1	0	2	40	56	3
Llandovery	3	1	0	2	38	53	3
Rumney	3	1	0	2	45	123	3
UWIC (Cardiff)	4	0	0	4	85	119	2
Pontypool	3	0	0	3	41	118	0

SRU League Trophy

Group A
Currie 34 Preston Lodge 18
Hawick 8 Kirkcaldy 12
Heriots FP 63 Edinburgh Acads 23
Melrose 20 Glasgow Hawks 20
Musselburgh 13 Gala 48

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Heriots FP	3	3	0	0	135	62	14
Gala	3	3	0	0	96	41	13
Edinburgh Ac	3	2	0	1	114	107	10
Currie	3	2	0	1	72	55	8
Glasgow H	3	1	1	1	60	59	6
Melrose	3	1	1	1	68	81	6
Hawick	3	1	0	2	53	49	4
Kirkcaldy	3	1	0	2	58	86	4
Preston Lodge	3	0	0	3	67	109	1
Musselburgh	3	0	0	3	42	115	0

Group B
Biggar 24 Boroughmuir 24
Kelso 65 Dundee HSFP 12
Kilmarnock 13 Jed-Forest 10
Peebles 20 Watsonians 43
Stirling County 23 West of Scotland 22

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Boroughmuir	3	3	0	0	87	51	13
W of Scotland	3	2	0	1	102	46	10
Kelso	3	2	0	1	98	46	10
Watsonians	3	2	0	1	89	69	9
Kilmarnock	3	2	0	1	67	57	9
Stirling County	3	2	0	1	51	51	9
Jed-Forest	3	1	0	2	44	53	5
Dundee HSFP	3	1	0	2	56	121	5
Biggar	3	0	0	3	47	101	1
Peebles	3	0	0	3	37	93	0

RFU KNOCK-OUT CUP

First round
Aspatria 24 Stockton 13
Barking 26 Swnge & Wrshm 19
Basingstoke 10 Weston-S-Mare 39
B/Solihull 22 Westleigh 10
Bridgwater 18 Met Police 30
Broadstreet 25 Walsall 17
Camberley 38 Barnstaple 16
Cheltenham 138 Okehampton 0
Coney Hill 5 Preston G 16
Haywards Heath 28 Plymouth 25
Henley 64 Cambridge 12
Hornets 28 Havant 72
Launceston 58 Bicester 6
Lewes 12 Wimbledon 11
Lichfield 10 Manchester 28
Longton 22 Widnes 38
Maidenhead 14 Amersham & Chilt 36
Matson 8 Bishop's Stort 3
North Walsham 19 Esher 16
Northern 49 Derby 3
Norwich 14 Bracknell 25
Nuneaton 11 Sedgley Park 7
O Coventrians 13 Huddersfield 35
Otley 18 St Ives 20
Sandal 30 Chester 22
Scunthorpe 6 Doncaster 23
Selly Oak 31 Sydon 19
Sevenoaks 32 Cheshunt 13
Sheffield 38 O Northamptons 14
Sherborne 19 Clifton 30
St Benedicts 9 Wigton 24
Staines 35 Redruth 25
Sunderland 8 Kendal 27
Sutton & Epsom 23 Banbury 25
Tabard 23 Harlow 0
Taunton 34 Canterbury 12
Tynedale 32 Hinckley 8
Vagabonds (IoM) 18 O Brodleians 15
Vale of Lune 27 Ampthill 25
Whitchurch 28 Stourbridge 35
Winchester 20 Ruislip 0
Winnington Park 64 Stoke 12

CURRIE CUP: Natal 29 Mpumalanga 19; SW Districts 20 Gauteng Lions 25; Gauteng Falcons 3 Free State 38; Western Province 52 North West 18.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES PREMIERSHIP

Quarter-finals
Bradford (6) 12
T: Forshaw, Lowes. Goals: Loughlin, McNamara
Castleford (11) 25
T: Critchley, Davis, C Smith, Tuuta. Goals: Davis 3, Steadman
DG: Ford Att: 10,300
London (10) 16
T: Beazley, Edwards, Gill
G: Barwick 2
Sheffield (26) 58
T: Pinkney 2, Senior 2, Broadbent, Crowther, Doyle, Sovatabua, Taewa
G: Aston 11 Att: 1,750

DIVISIONAL PREMIERSHIP

Quarter-finals
Huddersfield (12) 37
T: Schofield 2, Bunyan, Davys, Hanger, Weston
G: Cook 6
DG: Schofield
Featherstone (2) 12
T: Baker, Fallins
G: Chapman 2 Att: 2,575
Hull (28) 52
T: Hepi 2, Johnson 2, Boyd, Danby, Gray, Hallas, Hewitt, R Nolan
G: Hewitt 6
Hunslet (10) 10
T: Childs, Pryce
G: M Ellis Att: 3,305
Leigh (13) 25
T: Ingram 2, Daniel, Fairclough
G: Gunning 2, Wilkinson 2
DG: Wilkinson
Whitehaven (14) 46
T: Armstrong, Hetherington, Kiddie, Lester, Mullumu, Quirk, Wilson
G: Hetherington 10 Att: 2,079
Workington (10) 10
T: D Sowerby, Wallace. Goals: Fisher
Keighley (14) 36
T: Ramshaw 2, Billy, Foster, D Gibbon, A Gibbon, Smith
G: Robinson 4 Att: 1,151

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE

Premier
Askam 2 Walney Central 17
Beverley 18 Heworth 12
Dudley Hill 10 Woolston 34
Egremont 6 West Hull 17
Lock Lane 46 Saddleworth 0
Mayfield 26 Leigh Miners 14
Oldham St Annes 39 Wigan St Patricks 4

First Division
Barrow Island 28 Moldgreen 26
East Leeds 12 Millom 13
Leigh East 26 Blackbrook 4
Oulton 12 Skirlaugh 34
Redhill 38 Eastmoor 8
Shaw Cross 21 Milford 24
Wigan St Judes 10 Thornhill 12

Second Division
Crosfields 8 Eccles 26
Dodworth 14 New Earswick 20
Hull Dockers 20 Ovenden 6
Normanton 65 London Skolars 7
Siddal 28 Dewsbury Moor 2
York Acorn 12 Featherstone Am 18

BARTLETT INSURANCE TEST MATCH
US Tomahawks 30
Gt Britain Stds 26

ACADEMY: Plate: Castleford 72 Hunslet 8; Whitehaven 22 Featherstone 26.
AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE: Manly 27 Newcastle 12; N Sydney 24 Parramatta 14.

GOLF

LANCOME TROPHY (Paris):
Leading final scores (GB & Ire unless stated; *=amateur)

271
M O'Meara (US) 69 67 66 69
272
J Sandelin (Swe) 70 70 65 67
273
P O'Malley (Aus) 65 68 68 72
G Norman (Aus) 67 68 66 72
276
P Sjoland (Swe) 75 66 69 66
E Romero (Arg) 68 68 68 72
S Struver (Ger) 71 65 68 72
277
L Westwood 68 68 74 67
D Gilford 69 69 73 67
P Lawrie 68 71 70 68
278
R Wessels (Neth) 72 70 69 67
S Grappasonni (It) 66 69 72 71
279
J Coceres (Arg) 67 74 70 68
P Affleck 67 72 71 69
R Goosen (SA) 70 67 73 69
P Price 69 68 71 71
B Langer (Ger) 72 65 67 75
280
F Tarnaud (Fr) 69 70 73 68
S Ames (Tri) 69 70 71 70
M Gates 73 69 68 70
P-U Johansson (Swe) 71 68 69 72
281
R Rafferty 69 73 72 67
J Lomas 69 70 74 68
C Montgomerie 71 72 69 69
R Davis (Aus) 71 71 68 71
A Oldcorn 71 66 70 74
282
P Mitchell 69 69 74 70
M-A Jimenez (Sp) 70 71 70 71
P Hedblom (Swe) 71 68 71 72
T Johnstone (Zim) 67 65 76 74
M Gronberg (Swe) 74 67 67 74
283
G Turner (NZ) 69 71 72 71
R Russell 69 71 71 72
I Pyman 72 68 70 73
A Hunter 68 69 71 75
284
J Haeggman (Swe) 72 71 72 69
D Edlund (Swe) 73 70 72 69
P Quirici (Switz) 70 71 72 71
J Payne 74 67 71 72
I Woosnam 68 73 70 73
J Parnevik (Swe) 73 69 69 73
D Howell 66 72 72 74
285
G Evans 69 71 74 71
M Roe 71 69 73 72
S Ballesteros (Sp) 65 73 74 73
I Garbutt 74 68 70 73
286
P Walton 70 71 75 70
P Linhart (Sp) 73 68 73 72
P Broadhurst 71 71 72 72
D Borrego (Sp) 72 71 71 72
S Field 69 68 76 73
R Claydon 69 70 74 73
R Green (Aus) 72 71 68 75
287
M Mouland 73 69 74 71
D Carter 73 70 74 70
R Allenby (Aus) 74 69 74 70
M Jonzon (Swe) 67 71 75 74
S Torrance 71 70 73 73
E Darcy 76 66 70 75
288
A Sherborne 71 72 78 67
R Drummond 73 68 73 74
B Lane 72 69 73 74
289
R Coles 73 69 73 74
D Chopra (Swe) 68 74 73 74
290
*S Garcia (Sp) 71 72 73 74
D Smyth 69 67 78 76
P Lonard (Aus) 72 71 71 76

EUROPEAN PRO-AM (Brussels): Leading final scores (GB/Ire unless stated):
271
C Haisline (US) 68 71 68 64
272
S Leaney (Aus) 69 68 65 70
274
G Owen 68 67 72 67
275
J Gronhagen (Swe) 67 73 70 66
277
F Lindgren (Swe) 69 70 69 69
278
O Edmond (Fr) 65 73 72 68
D A Russell 70 73 68 67
279
M Litton 69 69 69 73
S Tinning (Den) 64 72 72 71
J M Kula (Fr) 67 69 77 66

TENNIS

PRESIDENT'S CUP (Tashkent): **Semi-finals:** T Henman (GB) bt F Clavet (Sp) 6-3 7-5; M Rosset (Switz) bt Y Kafelnikov (Rus) 3-6 7-6 6-2. **Final:** Henman bt Rosset 7-6 6-4.
ATP OPEN (Marbella): **Semi-finals:** A Berasategui (Sp) bt D Hrbaty (Slo) 6-4 6-4; A Costa (Sp) bt G Blanco (Sp) 7-5 6-3. **Final:** Costa bt Berasategui 6-3 6-2.
ATP INTERNATIONAL OPEN (Bournemouth): **Semi-finals:** F Mantilla (Sp) bt M Ondruska (SA) 6-7 6-1 6-1; C Moya (Sp) bt G Rusedski (GB) 6-2 6-2. **Final:** Mantilla bt Moya 6-2 6-2.

ATHLETICS

IAAF GRAND PRIX FINAL (Fukuoka, Japan): **Men: 200m:** 1 F Fredericks (Nam) 19.81sec. **800m:** 1 W Kipketer (Den) 1min 42.86sec. **5000m:** 1 K Boulami (Mar) 13.09.40. **Mile:** 1 K Anderson (Den) 4.04.53. **Also:** 10 J Mayock (GB) 4:06.97. **400m hurdles:** 1 S Matete (Zam) 48.01. **110m hurdles:** 1 M Crear (US) 13.03; 3 A Jarrett (GB) 13.14. **3,000m steeplechase:** 1 J Keter (Ken) 8.21.76. **Long jump:** 1 I Pedroso (Cub) 8.53m. **Pole vault:** 1 S Bubka (Ukr) 6.05. **Javelin:** 1 J Zelezny (Cz) 89.58m. **Also:** 7 S Backley (GB) 81.58. **Discus:** 1 L Riedel (Ger) 67.98m.
Women: 200m: 1 M Jones (US) 21.84sec. **800m:** 1 A Quirot (Cub) 1.56.53. **5,000m:** 1 S Barsosio (Ken) 15.13.46. **Mile:** 1 C Sacramento (Por) 4.40.25. **100m hurdles:** 1 M Freeman (Jam) 12.40. **400m hurdles:** 1 K Batten (US) 53.45. **High jump:** 1 I Babakova (Ukr) 2.02. **Triple jump:** 1 A Hansen (GB) 15.15 (GP record). **Shot:** 1 A Kumbernuss (Ger) 20.95m. **Also:** 6 J Oakes (GB) 18.16.
GREAT NORTH RUN (Newcastle to South Shields; half-marathon): **Men:** 1 H Ramaala (SA) 60min 25sec; 2 W Cheruiyot (Ken) 60.41; 3 S Korir (Ken) 60.43. **Women:** 1 L Subano (Ken) 69.24; 2 M Sutton (Tipton) 69.41; 3 L McColgan (Dundee) 70 08.

BADMINTON

US OPEN (Orange, Calif): **Men: Semi-finals:** P Gade-Christensen (Den) bt J van Dijk (Neth) 15-9 15-8; P E Hoyer-Larsen (Den) bt L Yigang (China) 16-17 15-11 15-2. **Final:** Hoyer-Larsen bt Gade-Christensen 15-6 7-15 15-6. **Women: Semi-finals:** C Martin (Den) bt H Jingna (China) 11-3 11-3; D Yun (China) bt M Andrievskaya (Swe) 11-7 12-9. **Final:** Martin bt Yun 11-4 6-11 12-10.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: NY Yankees 13 Baltimore 5; Cleveland 9 Chicago WS 0; Boston 4 Milwaukee 2; Texas 6 Minnesota 5; Anaheim 8 Kansas C 5; Seattle 7 Toronto 3; Detroit 7 Oakland 2.
NATIONAL LEAGUE: Cincinnati 4 Philadelphia 2 (1st gm); Philadelphia 9 Cincinnati 1 (2nd gm); San Francisco 1 Florida 0; Pittsburgh 3 Chicago Cubs 1; Colorado 3 Atlanta 1; Montreal 3 New York Mets 2 (15 innings); Houston 10 Los Angeles 3; St Louis 4 San Diego 2.

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Leopards 92 Crystal Palace 85.

CYCLING

TOUR OF SPAIN: Ninth stage (ind time trial; 35km): 1 M Mauri (Sp) ONCE 41min 11sec; 2 S Gontchar (Ukr) AKI at 21sec; 3 L Jalabert (Fr) ONCE 22; 4 A Zuelle (Switz) ONCE 38; 5 M Zarrabeitia (Sp) ONCE 49; 6 J C Dominguez (Sp) Kelme 59. **Leading overall standings:** 1 Zuelle 39hr 42min 10sec; 2 L Dufaux (Fr) Lotus at 32sec; 3 F Escartin (Sp) Kelme 2.14; 4 C Moller (Den) Estepona 2.40; 5 Y Ledanois (Fr) GAN 3.15; 6 D Clavero (Sp) Estepona 3.50.

BOXING

PROFESSIONAL BILL (Las Vegas): **WBC Lightweight Title:** Steve Johnston (US) Bt Saul Duran (Mex) pts. **IBF Junior Middleweight title:** Raul Marquez (US) bt Keith Mullings (US) pts.
BRITISH AND WBO INTER-CONTINENTAL WELTERWEIGHT TITLE (London Arena): G McCreesh (Bracknell, holder) bt P Ryan (Hackney) rsf 2.

EQUESTRIANISM

EUROPEAN OPEN (Burghley): **Leading final positions:** 1 Broadcast News (M Todd NZ) 44.2pts; 2 Watermill Stream (B Overesch-Boker, Ger) 44.8; 3 Cosmopolitan II (W Fox-Pitt, GB) 45.2. **Final team positions:** 1 Great Britain 160.2; 2 New Zealand 172.8; 3 Sweden 214.4.

HOCKEY

HAMPSTEAD AND WESTMINSTER CHALLENGE (Paddington). **Semi-finals:** Brooklands 2, E Grinstead 3; Hounslow 5, Surbiton 1. **5-6:** Havant 4, Hampstead 1. **3-4:** Surbiton 4, Brooklands 2. **Final:** East Grinstead 3, Hounslow 1.
SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Dundee MT 2, Kelburne 3; MIM 1, Gordonians 1; Stepps 4, Watsonians 2.
TOUR MATCH: Ramgarhia 2, Cuba U-21 2; Wimbledon 0, Cuba U21 7.
MEN'S CLUBS: Glos C 2, Taunton Vale 0; Northampton Sts 2, Oxford Hawks 7. **Sunday:** Barford T 3, Stourport 3; Barford T 4, Glos C 1; Guildford 2, Teddington 6; Sheffield 4, Warrington 2; Southgate 8, Reading 1.
WOMEN'S JUNIOR WORLD CUP (Seoul): **Final:** Australia 0 Holland 2. **3/4th:** Germany 1 Argentina 3. **Final placings:** 1 Holland; 2 Australia; 3 Argentina; 4 Germany; 5 Korea; 6 South Africa; 7 England.
WOMEN'S CLUBS: City of Portsmouth 1, Havant 4; Cwmtawe 2, Pontypridd 0; Harborne 1, Blossomfield 5; Ipswich 11, Canterbury 0.

ICE HOCKEY

BENSON & HEDGES CUP Ayr 4 Newcastle 4; Bracknell 2 Cardiff 3; Nottingham 5 Basingstoke 2; Sheffield 12 Paisley 1; Slough 7 Peterborough 2; Telford 1 Manchester 5.
AUTUMN TROPHY: Blackburn 5 Murrayfield 5; Fife 2 Kingston 3.

MOTORCYCLING

CATALUNYA GP (Montmelo): **500cc:** 1 M Doohan (Aus) Honda; 2 C Checa (Sp) Honda; 3 N Aoki (Jap) Honda. **250cc:** 1 R Waldmann (Aut) Honda; 2 M Biaggi (It) Honda; 3 T Ukawa (Jap) Honda. **Also:** 9 J McWilliams (GB) Honda; 10 H Aoki (Jap) Honda. **125cc:** 1 K Sakata (Jap) Aprilia; 2 Y Ui (Jap) Yamaha; 3 T Manako (Jap) Honda.

MOTOR SPORT

MANX RALLY: Leading final positions: 1 M Rowe (IoM) Renault Megane 3hr 40min 06sec; 2 M Higgins (IoM) Nissan Sunny at 1min 06sec; 3 T Laukkanen (Fin) Volkswagen Golf 13.20; 4 J Reynolds (Wales) Ford Escort 18.29; 5 J Milner (Eng) Toyota Celica 17.52; 6 N Simpson (Eng) Volkswagen Golf at 20.06. **Final Drivers' standings:** 1 M Higgins 122pts; 2 Rowe 112; 3 A McRae (Scot) Volkswagen Golf 107; 4 G Evans (Wales) Ford Escort 105; 5 R Head (Scot) Renault Megane 99; 6 Laukkanen 97. **Final manufacturers' standings:** 1 Volkswagen 71; 2 Nissan 59; 3 Renault 57; 4 Ford 56; 5 Skoda 47; 6 SEAT 47.

The week's fixtures

TODAY

(7.30 unless stated)

FOOTBALL
Scottish League Challenge Cup: Semi-final: Hamilton v Falkirk.
ICIS League: Premier Division: Purfleet v Heybridge.
Unibond League: Premier Division: Emley v Spennymoor.
Pontins League Cup: Group Four: Stoke v Stockport (7.0). **Group Six:** Tranmere v Rotherham (7.0).
Avon Insurance Combination: First Division: Brighton v Swindon (2.0); Wimbledon v Chelsea (2.0).
RUGBY LEAGUE
Stones Premiership: Quarter-final: Wigan v Leeds.

TOMORROW

UEFA Cup: First round, first leg: Atletico Madrid v Leicester (8.30); Bordeaux v Aston Villa; Celtic v Liverpool (8.0); PAOK Salonika v Arsenal (6.45); RC Strasbourg v Rangers.
Coca-Cola Cup: Second round, first leg: Blackpool v Coventry; Burnley v Stoke (7.45); Chesterfield v Barnsley (7.45); Fulham v Wolverhampton (7.45); Huddersfield v West Ham (7.45); Hull v Crystal Palace; Ipswich v Torquay (7.45); Leyton Orient v Bolton (7.45); Luton v West Brom (7.45); Middlesbrough v Barnet (7.45); Notts Co v Tranmere (7.45); Oxford Utd v York (7.45); Reading v Peterborough (7.45); Scunthorpe v Everton (7.45); Southend v Derby (7.45); Sunderland v Bury (7.45); Watford v Sheff Utd (7.45); Wimbledon v Millwall (7.45).
Nationwide League: First Division: Crewe v Port Vale (7.45, s-t). **Third Division:** Cardiff v Chester.
Guardian Insurance Cup: First round: Marlow v Harlow Tn.
GM Vauxhall Conference: Farnborough v Slough (7.45); Halifax v Telford (7.45); Hayes v Cheltenham (7.45); Welling v Stevenage (7.45); Yeovil v Kidderminster (7.45).
Unibond League: Premier Division: Accrington Stanley v Colwyn Bay; Alfreton Tn v Guiseley; Altrincham v Winsford Utd; Chorley v Runcorn; Lancaster v Bamber Bridge; Leigh RMI v Barrow, Marine v Radcliffe Bor.
ICIS League: Premier Division: Bishop's Stortford v Hitchin; Boreham Wd v Walton & Hersham; Bromley v Harrow Bor; Carshalton v Basingstoke; Dulwich v Sutton Utd; Hendon v Chesham (7.45); Kingstonian v Gravesend & N; Oxford C v Yeading.
Dr Martens League: Premier Division: Ashford Tn v Crawley Tn (7.45); Bromsgrove v Worcester C (7.45); Halesowen v Gloucester C (7.45).
Pontins League Cup: Group One: Bradford v Oldham (7.0).
Nationwide Gold Cup: Section A: Ballyclare v Ballymena; Dungannon Swifts v Crusaders; Larne v Glenavon. **Section B:** Bangor v Ards, Distillery v Linfield; Limavady Utd v Coleraine. **Section C:** Carrick v Glentoran; Newry v Portadown; Omagh Tn v Cliftonville.

WEDNESDAY

FOOTBALL
UEFA Champions League: Group A: Galatasaray v Borussia Dortmund; Sparta Prague v Parma. **B:** Kosice v Man Utd (7.45); Juventus v Feyenoord. **C:** Newcastle v Barcelona (8.0); PSV Eindhoven v Dinamo Kiev. **D:** Olympiakos v Porto; Real Madrid v Rosenborg BK. **E:** Bayern Munich v Besiktas; Paris St Germain v IFK Gothenburg. **F:** Bayer Leverkusen v Lierse SK; Sporting Lisbon v AS Monaco.
Coca-Cola Cup: Second round, first leg: Birmingham v Stockport (7.45); Blackburn v Preston (8.0); Grimsby v Sheff Wed (7.45); Leeds v Bristol C (7.45); Nottm Forest v Walsall (7.45); Southampton v Brentford (7.45); Tottenham v Carlisle (7.45).
Nationwide League: First Division: Norwich v Charlton (7.45).
Scottish League: Challenge Cup: Semi-final: Gr Morton v Queen of South.
Unibond League: Premier Division: Bishop Auckland v Blyth Spartans; Boston Utd v Hyde Utd; Gainsborough v Frickley.
Dr Martens League: Premier Division: St Leonards v Sittingbourne.
Pontins League: First Division: Man C v Wolverhampton (6.45). **Second Division:** Lincoln v York (7.0).
Avon Insurance Combination: First Division: Luton v Crystal Palace (2.0); Watford v Southampton.

THURSDAY

FOOTBALL
European Cup Winners' Cup: First round, first leg: Chelsea v Slovan Bratislava (7.45); OGC Nice v Kilmarnock.
Pontins League: Premier Division: Everton v Birmingham. **League Cup: Group Three:** Walsall v Notts Co.
Avon Insurance Combination: First Division: Charlton v Millwall (2.0); Ipswich v Arsenal (7.0); Norwich v Oxford Utd; QPR v Tottenham (7.0).
CRICKET
Britannic Assurance County Championship (four days; 10.30): *Derby: Derbyshire v Yorkshire. *Chelmsford: Essex v Middlesex. *Bristol: Gloucestershire v Lancashire. *Southampton: Hampshire v Worcestershire. *Canterbury: Kent v Surrey. *Leicester: Leicestershire v Durham. *Taunton: Somerset v Glamorgan. *Hove: Sussex v Nottinghamshire. *Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Northamptonshire.

FRIDAY

FOOTBALL
Nationwide League: Second Division: Brentford v Wycombe (7.45).
League of Wales: Newtown v Total Net Solutions.

SATURDAY

(3.0 unless stated)

FA Carling Premiership: Aston Villa v Derby; Bolton v Man Utd; Everton v Barnsley; Leeds v Leicester; Sheff Wed v Coventry; Southampton v Liverpool; Tottenham v Blackburn; West Ham v Newcastle; Wimbledon v Crystal Palace.
Nationwide League: First Division: Crewe v QPR (s-t); Ipswich v Stoke; Man C v Norwich; Middlesbrough v Birmingham; Nottm Forest v Portsmouth; Oxford Utd v Sheff Utd; Port Vale v Bury; Stockport v Huddersfield; Sunderland v Wolverhampton; Tranmere v Reading; West Brom v Swindon. **Second Division:** Blackpool v Oldham; Bristol C v Bournemouth; Burnley v Preston, Carlisle v Plymouth; Chesterfield v Bristol Rvrs; Gillingham v Watford; Grimsby v Millwall; Luton v Wrexham, Northampton v Wigan, Southend v Fulham; Walsall v York. **Third Division:** Barnet v Scunthorpe; Darlington v Hartlepool (s-t); Doncaster v Cambridge Utd; Exeter v Rotherham; Lincoln v Cardiff, Mansfield v Chester; Peterborough v Leyton Orient; Rochdale v Hull; Scarborough v Macclesfield; Shrewsbury v Notts Co; Swansea v Colchester; Torquay v Brighton.
Bell's Scottish League: Premier Division: Celtic v Aberdeen, Dunfermline v Kilmarnock; Motherwell v Hibernian; St Johnstone v Rangers. **Postponed:** Hearts v Dundee Utd. **Scottish League: First Division:** Ayr v Raith; Dundee v Hamilton; Falkirk v St Mirren; Partick v Gr Morton; Stirling v Airdrie. **Second Division:** Clyde v Brechin; Clydebank v Stenhousemuir; East Fife v Livingston; Forfar v Stranraer; Queen of South v Inverness CT. **Third Division:** Albion v Alloa, Arbroath v Dumbarton; East Stirling v Montrose; Queen's Pk v Cowdenbeath; Ross Co v Berwick.

Racing

Celebre Arc trial fiasco ends in row

Chris Hawkins

OLIVIER PESLIER was guilty of desperate pilot error at Longchamp yesterday and then compounded the error when launching into an astonishing attack on fellow jockey Cash Asmussen after getting the French Derby winner Peintre Celebre beaten in the important Arc trial, the Prix Foy.

Peintre Celebre, starting at 1-10 on the Pari-Mutuel for a race he should surely have won, finished fast to take second behind Rajpoute after being pocketed on the rail until well inside the final furlong.

Although Andre Fabre, trainer of Peintre Celebre, was philosophical about the defeat Peslier was upset by Asmussen's tactics on Ithaki, accusing the rider of "unprofessional riding."

Peslier had previously voiced public criticism of the ride Asmussen had given Peintre Celebre's Arc de Triomphe rival Helissio in the King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot in July, and it was announced last week that the Texan would be replaced by Dominique Boeuf in the Arc.

Yesterday Peslier said: "He didn't want me to win the race. Just before the turn I pulled a little bit back to go on the outside and he pulled with me. All the time he stayed with me and never took the chance. It was like Ben Hur.

"I think he is very angry because he doesn't ride Helissio but it is not professional. If I had no chance I open up a little bit and say 'You go, because I will finish last.' But I think he is happy. I don't understand."

However, there is no reason why Asmussen should look after anybody else in a race, provided he stays within the rules, and most would say his riding here was absolutely professional. Peslier got himself in a jam and it was up to *him to get out of it.*

In defeat we saw just what a sensational galloper Peintre Celebre is as he produced an awesome burst of acceleration to get within a neck of the winner after being all of 66-1 with 200 yards to run.

Settled fourth of the five runners as the field turned into the home straight, Peintre Celebre, clearly *travelling well within himself*, was hemmed in by Asmussen on Ithaki. Eventually allowed a gap 100 metres out, Peintre Celebre, owned by Daniel Wildenstein, accelerated but still found himself a neck down on Rajpoute at the line, with Asmussen and Ithaki bringing up the rear of the quintet.

Provided Peintre Celebre is none the worse for the experience he looks gilt-edged for the Arc at a best-priced 9-2 with the Tote, who also offer the same price about Saturday's Irish Champion Stakes winner Pilsudski. Last year's winner Helissio is now available at 4-1 with Ladbrokes while King George winner Swain is 7-1 with Hill's and the Tote.

Earlier in the afternoon Peslier had won the Prix Vermeille on Queen Maud from Asmussen's mount Gazelle Royale. The Luca Cumani-trained Kaliana finished fifth.

There was an eye-taking winner of the Prix des Chenes for two-year-olds over a mile in Second Empire, trained by Aidan O'Brien.

Second Empire beat John Gosden's Muhtathir and is likely to go back to Longchamp for the Grand Criterium. Ladbrokes make the colt 10-1 for the 2,000 Guineas and 12-1 for the Derby.

Victory salute . . . Pat Eddery punches the air in triumph on St Leger winner Silver Patriarch PHOTOGRAPH: JOHN GILES

Eddery's gold strike on Silver Patriarch puts Piggott in his sights

AFTER riding his 4,000th winner on Silver Patriarch in Saturday's Pertemps St Leger, Pat Eddery set his sights on Lester Piggott's career total of 4,493 winners, *writes Chris Hawkins.*

"I'd love to beat Lester, and I've got a few good years left in me yet," said 45-year-old Eddery. "Riding has been my way of life for so long that I don't want it to end although I don't expect to go on until I'm 57, like Lester."

There is no doubt Eddery, who has missed out on a century of winners only once in the last 24 years, can overhaul Piggott, and even Gordon Richards's record total of 4,870 winners could be within his reach.

For many, Piggott is the greatest, an impression fired by the mystique of the man — his artistry in the saddle, and his taciturn nature out of it.

Yet from early on in Eddery's career, despite a first season when he didn't ride a single winner from more than 60 rides as an apprentice with Frenchie Nicholson, it was clear that given good fortune he was bound for stardom, and a career score to rival Piggott.

Time tends to enhance reputations, but Piggott, dubbed the "boy-wonder" in the 1950s, was not quite the sensation one might imagine. He rode only 272 winners in his first seven seasons compared to Eddery's 651.

Eddery was champion jockey within six years of gaining a foothold, whereas it took Piggott 11 years to achieve his first title.

While Piggott liked to stay as still as he could, poised over his mount's withers for as long as possible, Eddery's style is less pleasing to the eye.

He tends to niggle with his hands some way from home and to bump down in the saddle when the time comes to galvanise. Often his mounts are going better than they appear, and swinging into the Doncaster straight on Saturday Silver Patriarch could not have been named the winner.

Inevitably there was talk afterwards of the possibility of an Arc challenge, but the winner does not look the type. An impression confirmed by John Dunlop, his trainer, who said yesterday: "I have discussed it very briefly with the owner and I think that that is probably the end of the season for him. Next year I think he will definitely start off over a mile and a half."

Athletics

Britain faces grand prix axe in shake-up

Stephen Downes in Fukuoka

BRITAIN's premier track-and-field event is under threat after a meeting here yesterday that discussed cutting the annual number of grand prix events from 17 to 10. The British Grand Prix, staged in June this year at Sheffield, would be one of those facing the axe.

The proposal — discussed by the International Amateur Athletic Federation's grand prix commission — to launch a Grand Prix Super League in 1999 will be voted on next month. The plans would shake up a tired formula. "There is a need to redesign the competition," Res Brugger, the influential promoter of the $4 million-budget Zurich meeting, the richest on the circuit, said yesterday.

Television is at the centre of the proposed format. Bruegger's vision, which is shared by his colleagues on the grand prix commission, is of sharper-defined, two-hour track spectaculars — with the money available now shared among fewer meetings — which would command live television coverage.

Sheffield was placed only 15th on the IAAF's meeting evaluation table this year. Also to Britain's disadvantage is the lack of representation on the grand prix commission — the only British voice is Andy Norman, who was sacked as promotions officer by the BAF three years ago.

Although some promoters talked at the weekend of getting their athletes to "get behind" Britain next year, it may not be enough. The grand prix series finished its second sponsorless season on Saturday, and Primo Nebiolo, the IAAF president, is known to favour radical change. "We want to revolutionise the grand prix," he has said.

Ice Hockey

Devils slip through after Bees are caught in the net

Vic Batchelder

BRACKNELL BEES saw their hopes of victory over Cardiff Devils fall through the net when a goal by Joe Ferraccioli was disallowed in the *final minute* of the second period of Saturday's home Benson & Hedges Cup qualifying-round game.

The match video showed the puck enter the goal and go through the net without the off-ice goal judge or the referee and his two assistants spotting the score. Devils, who were leading 3-1 after two goals from Ivan Matulik and one by Ian McIntyre, held on to win 3-2 after Shayne McCosh added Bracknell's second in the third period.

"It was pretty crucial," said the Devils' coach Paul Heavey yesterday, "but in this league and these competitions you'll *take any win.*"

Elsewhere eight players got on the scoresheet as Ayr Scottish Eagles drew 4-4 with the visiting Newcastle Cobras; and a Paul Adey hat-trick led Nottingham Panthers to a 5-2 home win over Basingstoke *Bison. Sheffield Steelers' Tim* Cranston also netted three in the 12-1 home win over Paisley Pirates.

Nottingham eight-race card with form guide and ratings

	CHRIS HAWKINS	TOP FORM
2.00	Wadi (nb)	Hadith
2.30	Golden Fortune	Alpha Whisky
3.00	Deterrent	Deterrent (nb)
3.30	Mouche (nap)	Mouche
4.00	Ballard Lady	Lamorna
4.30	Stoned Imaculate	Stoned Imaculate
5.00	Batabanoo	Batabanoo
5.30	Secret Ballet	Double Flight

Left-handed, level 1½m track with 4½f run-in. Straight 6f.
Going: Good to Firm. ★ Denotes blinkers.
Draw: Middle to high favoured.
Long distance travellers: Mystique Smile (4.00) & Suedoro (3.30), J Goldie, Strathclyde, 281 miles.
Seven day winners: None.
Blinkered first time: 3.30 Nampara Bay. **Visored:** 3.30 Times Of Times; 4.00 Deerly.
Figures in brackets after horse's name denote days since last outing. J,Jumps.

2.00 E.B.F. NOTTINGHAM MAIDEN STAKES 2YO 1m 54yds £4,115 (17 declared)

101 (3)	0	Antonio Joli (7) P Cole 9-0	J Weaver	—
102 (11)		Asakir S bin Suroor 9-0	L Dettori	—
103 (14)		Common View N Tinkler 9-0	C Rutter	—
104 (16)	05	Counsel (13) C Brittain 9-0	G Duffield	70
105 (17)	00	Delayed Reaction (21) N Callaghan 9-0	S Drowne	—
106 (13)		Dockland Executive B Smart 9-0	J Stack	—
107 (12)	0	El El (58) B Hills 9-0	Paul Eddery	—
108 (5)	0	Free (59) P Cole 9-0	Pat Eddery	59
109 (6)	2	Hadith (35) D Morley 9-0	R Hills	●90
110 (1)	00	Mister Bench (21) E Weymes 9-0	S Sanders	—
111 (15)	63	Najjar (23) P Walwyn 9-0	W Ryan	84
112 (8)	0	Palmeroni Star (18) J Dunlop 9-0	G Carter	—
113 (9)	00	Rosie Shock (24) M Tompkins 9-0	D Biggs	—
114 (4)	00	Smiling Voter (7) R Hannon 9-0	Dane O'Neill	—
115 (7)		Wadi H Cecil 9-0	K Fallon	—
116 (2)		Mouche The Almond C Smith 8-9	V Slattery	—
117 (10)	5000	Fleet Lady (97) Mrs P Dutfield 8-9	J Quinn	—

Betting: 15-8 Wadi, 4-1 Asakir, 9-2 Hadith, 7-1 Najjar, 12-1 El El, Palmeroni Star, 14-1 Free.

FORM GUIDE - Antonio Joli: Always outpaced and behind, last of 12, 34l behind Contravention at Southwell (aw) 7f 2y mdn. Asakir: Nashwan colt, half-brother to three winners including miler Takdir. El El: In touch 4f, 11th of 12, 12l behind Hayil at Newmarket 6f 2y mdn, Gd-Fm. Free: With leaders until weakened over 1f out, 9th of 18, 7l behind Mazboon at Newbury 6f 2y mdn, Gd. Hadith: Chased leaders, ridden to lead 1f out, headed near finish, 2nd of 12, 1l behind Dus South at Beverley 7f 2y mdn, Gd. Najjar: Led until 2f out, soon ridden, no extra, 3rd of 8, 3½l behind Alberich at Beverley 1m 2y mdn, Gd-Fm. Palmeroni Star: Started slowly, always behind, 9th of 11, 15l behind Mutamam at Lingfield 1m 2y mdn, Gd-Sft. Wadi: Green Desert colt, full brother to winning sprinter Furnish.

2.30 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE CCC FILLIES' NURSERY HANDICAP 2YO 6f £3,642 (20 declared)

201 (16)	5352	Alpha Whisky (20) (BF) I Balding 9-7	L Dettori	●99
202 (18)	432240	Sandy Shore (32) J Wharton 9-7	R Ffrench (3)	88
203 (2)	045	Bulz Show (11) R Hannon 9-7	Dane O'Neill	88
204 (8)	502603	Positive Air (10) B McMahon 9-7	M Roberts	88
205 (15)	363341	Miss Pool (16) J Berry 9-5	C Lowther (5)	84
206 (3)	500045	Allasells (12) B Palling 9-3	T Sprake	88
207 (5)	005	Grecha (10) R Hannon 9-2	Pat Eddery	88
208 (1)	00034	Salligo (10) H Morrison 8-12	C Rutter	88
209 (10)	0020	Premium Princess (28) J J Quinn 8-11	S Sanders	86
210 (9)	554	Mountain Magic (13) D French Davis 8-11	J Weaver	84
211 (19)	600	Golden Fortune (38) D Loder 8-10	K Fallon	88
212 (4)	045	Daisybury (29) J Balding 8-10	J Edmunds	85
213 (12)	403	Nastern Mt Kate (28) S Bowring 8-9	C Teague (3)	88
214 (6)	25063	Turf Mover (16) J J O'Neill 8-8	T E Durcan (3)	84
215 (13)	020106	Skamma (12) (BF) C Dwyer 8-3	S Drowne	86
216 (14)	3000	Stadheer (40) M Brittain 8-3	G Carter	—
217 (7)	4030	Downclose Duchess (34) M Blanshard 8-3	J Quinn	83
218 (20)	04000	Desert Native (13) C Wall 8-2	G Duffield	82
219 (17)	006066	Magical Dancer (12) Mrs P Dutfield 8-2	Martin Dwyer	86
220 (11)	0400	Townville Cee Cee (12) J Wainwright 8-1	J Bramhill	88

Betting: 5-1 Alpha Whisky, 6-1 Miss Pool, 8-1 Sandy Shore, 10-1 Positive Air, Allasells, Premium Princess, Golden Fortune, Nastern Mt Kate.

FORM GUIDE - Alpha Whisky: Prominent, ridden over 1f out, every chance final furlong, unable to quicken, 2nd of 5, 1¼l behind Mrs Middle at Warwick 6f hcap, Gd-Sft. Sandy Shore: Chased leaders until weakened final 2f, 7th of 10, 10l behind Deld at Beverley 7f hcap, Gd-Sft. Bulz Show: Led over 3f, weakened over 1f out, 5th of 14, 7l behind Rambes at Salisbury 7f mdn fly, Gd-Sft. Positive Air: With leaders, led stands' side over 1f out, kept on, 3rd of 22, 2l behind Escado at Haydock 6f 2y mdn, Gd-Sft, with Grecha (levels), chased leaders, every chance over 1f out, kept on one pace, 5th of 22, btn 4½l. Miss Pool: Made most, all out, won at Carlisle 5f 2y mdn auct, Fm, beating Love Again by a shd. Allasells: Not clear run 4f out, headway over 1f out, never nearer, 5th of 11, 3l behind Bliss at Brighton 5f hcap, Gd. Salligo: Chased leaders, ran on one pace final furlong, 4th of 16, 3l behind Classy Cleo at Haydock 6f 2y claim, Gd-Sft. Premium Princess: Dwelt, stayed on final furlong, 7th of 13, 3l behind Cambrian Cadet at Ripon 5f 2y mdn auct, Gd-Fm. Mountain Magic: Held up, ridden over 2f out, weakened over 1f out, 4th of 12, 8l behind Up At The Top at Folkestone 6f 2y mdn auct, Gd. Golden Fortune: Never troubled leaders, 11th of 15, 12l behind Risque Lady at Windsor 5f 2y mdn, Gd-Fm. Daisybury: Soon tracking leaders, outpaced halfway, kept on final furlong, 5th of 10, 8l behind Bay Prince at Pontefract 5f 2y mdn, Gd-Fm.

Trainer watch

Horses having their first run for a new trainer today — Nottingham: 2.00 Asakir, Trainer Unknown to Saeed bin Suroor & El El, C Brittain to B Hills. Fontwell: 3.20 Stoney Piper, M Phelan to B Pearce; 4.50 Mystik Day, J Burns to M Pipe & Nesscina, M Channon to P Bowen. Musselburgh: 2.10 Sun Dancing, J Berry to P Monteith; 3.10 Little Miss Rocker, I Balding to A Dickin & Pickens, N Tinkler to E Incisa; 3.40 Sans Rivale, B Meehan to JL Eyre; 4.10 Cherished, P Cole to N Tinkler.

3.00 E.B.F. SEPTEMBER MAIDEN STAKES 2YO 6f £4,466 (17 declared)

301 (1)		Captain Tim D Loder 9-0	Pat Eddery	—
302 (5)	022	Deterrent (68) J Gosden 9-0	L Dettori	●90
303 (4)	56	Dragon Bay (46) I Williams 9-0	K Fallon	76
304 (3)		Dudley Allen T Clement 9-0	J Quinn	—
305 (11)		Eminent Lord Huntingdon 9-0	W Ryan	—
306 (7)	204	Hadid (46) B Hills 9-0	R Hills	84
307 (16)		Jila R Armstrong 9-0	G Carter	—
308 (6)		Kilimanjaro B Meehan 9-0	M Tebbutt	—
309 (12)	5	Persiano (11) J Fanshawe 9-0	N Day	70
310 (17)		Redwoman S C Williams 9-0	P Bloomfield	—
311 (13)	00	Taarnan (26) N Graham 9-0	A McGlone	—
312 (10)		The Artful Dodger R Williams 9-0	G Duffield	—
313 (8)		Young Josh J Gosden 9-0	G Hind	—
314 (9)	0	Haunt The Zoo (52) J L Harris 8-9	S Sanders	—
315 (15)	00	Madam's Pet (23) R Hodges 8-9	N Adams	—
316 (2)	0	Night Auction (34) B Palling 8-9	T Sprake	—
317 (14)		Serengeti J Berry 8-9	C Lowther (5)	—

Betting: 7-4 Deterrent, 3-1 Hadid, 6-1 Captain Tim, 10-1 Young Josh, 14-1 Serengeti, 16-1 Eminent, Jila.

FORM GUIDE - Captain Tim: Lion Cavern colt out of Monaiya. Half brother to a couple of decent winners. Deterrent: Always prominent, led over 1f out, soon headed and outpaced, 2nd of 9, 4l behind Daggers Drawn at Newmarket 6f Nov, Gd. Eminent: Alzaar Alwasheek colt out of Vague Lass. Half brother to the speedy Bangles. Hadid: Led over 5f out, hard ridden over 1f out, headed last furlong, unable to quicken, 4th of 10, 1l behind Chester House at Goodwood 7f mdn, Gd-Fm. Jila: Kris colt out of the 6f winner Enaya. Kilimanjaro: Kris colt out of Lia's Dance. Persiano: Prominent, ridden over 2f out, no impression, 5th of 8, 17l behind Gurkha at York 6f 2y mdn, Sft. Redwoman: Risk Me colt out of Bocas Rose. Taarnan: Led over 3f, weakened 2f out, tailed off, 11th of 12, 22l behind The Groveller at W'hampton (aw) 7f 2y mdn. The Artful Dodger: Alhijaz gelding, half-brother to 1m4f winner My Millie. Young Josh: Warning colt out of Title Roll. Haunt The Zoo: Started slowly, always well behind, 9th of 10, 14l behind The Limping Cat at Nottingham 5f 2y mdn, Gd-Fm. Madam's Pet: Behind final 2f, 11th of 14, 14l behind Rosewood Lady at Windsor 6f 2y sell, Gd-Fm. Night Auction: Started slowly, never nearer, 8th of 17, 11l behind Fleet Village at Bath 5f mdn fls, Gd. Serengeti: Lion Cavern filly out of Melanoura. Half sister to 5f winner Computer Kid.

3.30 BRANSTON ABBY FILLIES' H'CAP (DIV 1) 6f £3,171 (20 declared)

401 (3)	31-005	Antonia's Choice (28) J Berry 3-8-12	C Lowther (5)	81
402 (1)	00-400	Daylight Dreams (37) C Cyzer 3-8-11	A Morris	82
403 (20)	P00055	Mouche (21) (C) Mrs J Ramsden 3-9-9	K Fallon ★	●90
404 (19)	000621	Bold Tina (12) R Hannon 3-9-8	Dane O'Neill	82
405 (7)	254441	Newlands Corner (31) (D) J Akehurst 4-9-5	D Biggs ★	88
406 (2)	009-00	Times Of Times (16) (CD) G L Moore 4-9-3	G Duffield ★	78
407 (10)	055004	Grace (14) J Bradley 3-9-0	S Drowne	83
408 (16)	014006	Third Party (30) (D) S Dow 3-8-13	S Sanders	83
409 (8)	0-0600	Charlton Spring (12) (D) R Hodges 3-8-13	P P Murphy (3)	74
410 (11)	423153	College Princess (40) S C Williams 3-8-9	D Williams (7)	79
411 (6)	580401	Saratoga (14) (D) J Goldie 7-8-8	R Ffrench (3)	81
412 (12)	632040	Bollin North (39) G McCourt 4-8-7	C Rutter ★	85
413 (17)	610500	Polgwynne (37) B Smart 3-8-5	J Stack	85
414 (9)	302600	Napier Star (18) (D) Mrs N Macauley 4-8-1	J Quinn ★	86
415 (4)	200060	Pallium (14) N Bycroft 4-7-13	Martin Dwyer	81
416 (15)	6/0-04	Princess Renata (25) Pat Mitchell 4-7-13	J Tate	—
417 (13)	302000	Nampara Bay (26) G Bravery 3-7-12	D R McCabe ★	80
418 (18)	300000	Terry's Rose (42) R Hollinshead 3-7-12	M Carlisle	78
419 (14)	00-000	Smiling Bess (65) J King 4-7-10	A Polli (5)	77
420 (5)	030056	Lady Silk (61) (CD) Miss J Craze 6-7-10	J Lowe	—

Betting: 5-1 Bold Tina, 6-1 Mouche, 8-1 Newlands Corner, 10-1 Antonia's Choice, Times Of Times, Grace, Charlton Spring, College Princess.

FORM GUIDE - Antonia's Choice: Led over 4f, 5th of 11, 9l behind Al Muallim at Lingfield 6f hcap, Gd-Fm. Daylight Dreams: Prominent 3f, last of 10, 43l behind Khatang at Lingfield 7f Stakes, Gd. Mouche: Soon tracking leaders, every chance 1f out, weakened towards finish, 5th of 16, 2l behind Samsung Spirit at Ripon 6f hcap, Gd. Bold Tina: Headway and not clear run over 1f out, led final furlong, ran on, won at Brighton 7f Stakes, Gd-Fm, beating Petite Danseuse by 1¾l with Pastle (levels), started slowly, ridden over 3f out, never nearer, 7th of 12, btn 12l. Newlands Corner: Tracked leaders, led over 1f out, edged left, driven out, won at Southwell (aw) 6f hcap, beating Zalotto by 1¾l. Times Of Times: Led over 3f, last of 9, 13l behind Ivory's Grab Hire at Brighton 5f hcap, Gd. Grace: Led to halfway, not much room 2f out, soon weakened, 4th of 7, 5l behind March Crusader at Hamilton 6f hcap, Gd-Sft. Third Party: Ridden over 3f out, headway over 1f out, ran on, 6th of 13, 3½l behind The Frisky Farmer at Brighton 6f sell, Gd-Fm. College Princess: Chased winner, no impression approaching final furlong, 3rd of 7, 5l behind Dimmi Miss-P at Yarmouth 5f fls hcap, Gd-Fm. Saratoga: Always chasing leaders, led approaching final furlong, held on well, won at Hamilton 5f app hcap, Gd-Sft, beating Bowlers Boy by a shd. Bollin North: Chased leaders over 4f, 7th of 13, 6l behind The Frisky Farmer at Brighton 6f sell, Gd-Fm. Polgwynne: Chased leaders, ridden 2f out, weakened inside final furlong, 5th of 13, 6l behind Step On Degas at Brighton 7f Stakes, Gd-Fm. Napier Star: Mid-division when badly hampered 5f out, not recover, 13th of 16, 16l behind Bogan at Lingfield (aw) 7f hcap.

4.00 BRANSTON ABBY FILLIES' H'CAP (DIV 2) 6f £3,171 (20 declared)

501 (8)	440122	Hever Golf Mover (18) (D) T Naughton 3-10-0	J Weaver	89
502 (4)	001100	Watch The Fire (45) (D) J Banks 4-8-12	C Lowther (5)	84
503 (6)	232600	Gi La High (28) M Meade 4-9-10	J Reid	83
504 (18)	-00000	Cressa Cyrenes (7) (D) B Palling 4-9-8	T Sprake	78
505 (9)	233333	Inclination (12) M Blanshard 3-9-5	J Quinn	84
506 (10)	601100	Lilibella (24) (D) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-3	D Sweeney (3)	86
507 (13)	002000	Noisetant (16) (D) M Wane 4-9-1	A Whelan (3)	78
508 (15)	510040	Deerly (24) (D) R Dickin 4-8-10	G Bardwell ★	86
509 (19)	023510	Ballard Lady (23) (D) J Wainwright 5-8-10	L Dettori	86
510 (16)	530100	Dona Filipa (18) Miss L Siddall 4-8-8	K Fallon	86
511 (3)	065023	Lamorna (25) (D) (BF) M Channon 3-8-8	P P Murphy (3)	●90
512 (11)	080220	Sing With The Band (31) (BF) B McMahon 6-8-5	L Newton	87
513 (2)	004040	La Volta (25) Miss J Craze 4-8-4	M Roberts ★	86
514 (14)	-00040	Beautiful Princess (19) R Hollinshead 3-8-3	M Carlisle	86
515 (7)	340-00	Baller's Legacy (30) K Burke 4-8-1	D Biggs	—
516 (17)	600360	Magic Lake (7) E Alston 4-7-13	M Henry ★	85
517 (5)	-00036	Embroidered (21) S Dow 4-7-12	Martin Dwyer	80
518 (1)	020402	Bairn Atholl (28) R Hodges 4-7-11	N Adams	86
519 (12)	0-0000	Mystique Smile (14) J Goldie 4-7-10	R Ffrench (3)	80
520 (20)	204600	Gleay Baby (31) J Bradley 5-7-10	R Thomas (7)	84

Betting: 6-1 Hever Golf Mover, 7-1 Inclination, Lamorna, 8-1 Lilibella, 10-1 Watch The Fire, Ballard Lady, 12-1 Gi La High, Noisetant, Dona Filipa.

FORM GUIDE - Hever Golf Mover: Ridden over 2f out, led over 1f out until final furlong, unable to quicken, 2nd of 9, 1½l behind Mystical at Brighton 6f 3y hcap, Gd. Watch The Fire: Dwelt, ridden 2f out, never near to challenge, 11th of 13, 15l behind Rifif at Newmarket 6f hcap, Gd. Gi La High: Dwelt, always behind, last of 12, 13l behind Opening Range at Windsor 5f app hcap, Gd-Fm. Cressa Cyrenes: Prominent until weakened over 1f out, 17th of 18, 9l behind Montendre at Bath 6f hcap, Gd. Inclination: Led, hard ridden over 1f out, headed inside final furlong, one pace, 3rd of 12, 2¾l behind Bold Tina at Brighton 7f Stakes, Gd-Fm. Lilibella: Hung badly left throughout, headway after 2f, no impression, 8th of 17, 10l behind Cross The Border at Thirsk 5f app hcap, Gd. Noisetant: Raced far side, chased leaders over 3f, 15th of 24, 7l behind Bowlers Boy at Ripon 6f app hcap, Gd. Deerly: With leader until ridden and outpaced approaching final furlong, last of 8, 7l behind Kind Of Light at Newmarket 6f app hcap, Gd. Ballard Lady: Headway on inside over 1f out, soon ridden, outpaced final furlong, 10th of 17, 6l behind Cross The Border at Beverley 5f hcap, Gd-Fm. Dona Filipa: Behind, headway halfway, never dangerous, 11th of 16, 8l behind Cross The Border at Musselburgh 5f app hcap, Gd. Lamorna: Slowly into stride, headway 4f out, every chance over 1f out, one pace, 3rd of 10, 6l behind Kentucky Fall at Yarmouth 6f fls hcap, Gd-Fm. Sing With The Band: Chased leaders, effort over 2f out, weakened final furlong, 7th of 16, 8l behind Rymer's Rascal at Catterick 7f hcap, Gd-Fm. La Volta: Never dangerous, 10th of 17, 10l behind Comache Quest at Pontefract 5f hcap, Gd-Fm.

4.30 CARLTON HANDICAP STAKES (DIV 1) 2m £1,927 (17 declared)

601 (4)	304026	Rose Of Glenn (13) B Palling 6-9-10	Dane O'Neill	78
602 (12)	402000	Spa Lane (7) (C) M Bisby 4-8-6	A McGlone	84
603 (11)	304053	Coh Sho No (13) S Dow 4-9-6	S Sanders	87
604 (15)	/11055	Kinoko (72) (C) (D) K Hogg 9-9-5	J Bramhill	88
605 (10)	0301	Stoned Imaculate (32) F Murphy 3-9-3	K Fallon	●88
606 (2)	100013	Big Bang (77) M Blanshard 3-9-2	J Quinn	74
607 (17)	0002	Langora Heights (7) B Llewellyn 3-9-2	J Wilkinson (7)	—
608 (1)	-22416	Hillswick (17) J King 6-9-0	A Polli (5)	84
609 (9)	-30046	Course Fishing (13) B McMahon 6-8-13	G Duffield	82
610 (5)	334001	Duncombe Hall (13) (D) C Cyzer 4-8-13	A Whelan (3)	80
611 (6)	00547/	Lake Dunloton (82) (D) K Comerford 8-8-11	W J O'Connor	84
612 (8)	346344	Nornax Lad (23) M Meade 9-8-10	R Brisland (7) ★	85
613 (16)	400060	Not Forgotten (17) P Kelleway 3-8-9	G Hind	78
614 (14)	0-0000	Welcome Lu (64) J L Harris 4-8-5	R Mullen (5)	—
615 (7)	0-0005	Mochilla (23) J W Payne 3-8-1	G Carter	78
616 (13)	030214	Rose Waters (36) Mrs S Williams 3-8-0	Martin Dwyer	74
617 (3)	008/06	Chill Wind (J16) N Bycroft 8-7-10	D Wright	—

Betting: 4-1 Stoned Imaculate, 5-1 Duncombe Hall, 7-1 Hillswick, 8-1 Coh Sho No, Big Bang, 10-1 Course Fishing, 12-1 Rose Of Glenn, Lake Dunloton.

FORM GUIDE - Spa Lane: Soon outpaced and behind, 14th of 16, well behind I Principe at Southwell (aw) 1m 6f hcap. Kinoko: Tracked leaders, lost place 6f out, tailed off 5f out, 5th of 8, well behind Black Ice Boy at Beverley 2m hcap, Hvy. Stoned Imaculate: Led 6f out, driven clear 3f out, eased towards finish, won at Carlisle 2m 1f mdn hcap, Fm, beating Penny Peppermint by 5l. Big Bang: Tracked leaders, effort over 2f out, stayed on same pace, 3rd of 9, 4½l behind Our Main Man at Southwell (aw) 1m 4f hcap. Langora Heights: Soon outpaced and tailed off, some late headway, 8th of 15, 44l behind Mayberry at Southwell (aw) 1m 3f mdn hcap. Hillswick: Prominent, led 6f out to 2f out, weakened final furlong, 6th of 14, 4½l behind Siege Perilous at Sandown 2m hcap, Gd-Sft. Course Fishing: Chased leaders until weakened final 2f, 6th of 10, 21l behind Tarsan at Pontefract 1m 4f app stks, Gd-Fm. Duncombe Hall: Ridden over 5f out, chased leader, led inside final furlong, ran on well, won at Folkestone 2m hcap, Gd, beating Red Raja by 2l with Coh Sho No (rec 15lb), always prominent, chased leaders over 3f out until weakened over 1f out, one pace, 3rd of 16, btn 6l and Rose Of Glenn (rec 5lb), led 11f, stayed on at one pace, 6th of 16, btn 16l.

5.00 CARLTON HANDICAP STAKES (DIV 2) 2m £1,927 (16 declared)

1 (5)	20404/	Moving Out (J169) (D) Miss H Knight 9-9-10	C Lowther (5)	76
2 (12)	052111	Ginger Rogers (36) (CD) D Arbuthnot 3-8-7	J Quinn	88
3 (9)	435314	Batabanoo (24) (D) (BF) Mrs M Reveley 3-9-7	J Reid	●88
4 (7)	666-00	Clifterand Rose (11) D Shaw 7-9-4	R Mullen (5)	—
5 (11)	000-33	Toulston Lady (J156) J Wharton 5-9-3	K Fallon	78
6 (13)	5500	Gallant Knights (13) G Bravery 3-8-13	D R McCabe	88
7 (14)	000/0-	Sea Buck (364) H Candy 11-8-12	B Smith (7) ★	—
8 (2)	000/0-	Irish Stamp (J362) F Murphy 8-8-11	J Fanning	—
9 (8)	-15400	Sudden Spin (146) (D) J Norton 7-8-9	J Weaver	—
10 (16)	-3002P	Stellar Melody (16) R Boss 3-8-7	R Ffrench (3)	74
11 (4)	501341	Spowitz (18) (D) C Cyzer 3-8-6	A Whelan (3)	75
12 (3)	660-60	Sophie Lockett (J59) K Hogg 4-8-6	A Daly (5)	—
13 (6)	-34005	Saifar (93) S Dow 4-8-5	S Sanders	—
14 (15)	4400/2	Memorable (72) K Hogg 6-8-1	J Bramhill	84
15 (1)	005266	Eurolink Windsong (23) M Wane 3-7-12	Martin Dwyer	88
16 (5)	000050	Hippies (18) S Dow 3-7-10	A Polli (5)	—

Betting: 11-4 Ginger Rogers, 4-1 Batabanoo, 5-1 Spowitz, 12-1 Toulston Lady, Sudden Spin, 14-1 Irish Stamp, Memorable.

5.30 TRENT LIMITED STAKES 1m 2f £2,277 (18 declared)

1 (17)	016640	Obsius (6) (D) Miss S Wilton 6-9-6	S Whitworth	88
2 (3)	3-4301	Thatchmaster (29) (D) C Horgan 6-9-6	B O'Donohoe (3)	87
3 (14)	163002	Tonnerre (11) (CD) B McMahon 5-9-6	L Newton	78
4 (16)	040000	Rival Bid (6) (D) Mrs N Macauley 5-9-4	Amanda Sanders (5) ★	—
5 (11)	3006-0	Bel du Nord (28) N Bycroft 5-9-4	G Carter	—
6 (8)	204500	Zidac (33) (D) P Makin 5-9-4	S Sanders	84
7 (15)	242416	Bakers Daughter (33) (D) J Arnold 5-9-3	Martin Dwyer	87
8 (16)	45-110	Onefortheditch (127) J Fanshawe 4-9-1	K Fallon	87
9 (7)	210056	Here's Ta Bowie (35) (D) R Hannon 3-8-13	Dane O'Neill	88
10 (13)	030-51	In Distinct (28) Mrs A Swinbank 3-8-13	G Duffield	79
11 (1)	-62143	Secret Ballet (8) (CD) K Mahdi 3-8-13	R Cochrane	82
12 (10)	603024	File Major (12) (BF) B Hills 3-8-11	Pat Eddery	84
13 (6)	265425	Get The Point (12) R Hollinshead 3-8-11	D Griffiths (3)	74
14 (12)	152000	Puzzlement (23) C Brittain 3-8-11	W Ryan	84
15 (4)	612343	Arriving (25) (BF) J Hills 3-8-10	R Hills	87
16 (9)	-03015	Sedna (28) (D) T Mills 3-8-10	R Ffrench (3)	82
17 (2)	045226	Double Flight (28) (BF) M Johnston 3-8-8	M Roberts	●89
18 (5)	060	Shalleelee (28) J Gosden 3-8-8	L Dettori	72

Betting: 6-1 Arriving, 7-1 Thatchmaster, File Major, 8-1 Tonnerre, In Distinct, Double Flight, 10-1 Bakers Daughter, Onefortheditch, Secret Ballet.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

Jockeys	1st	Runs	%	Level St	Trainers	1st	Runs	%	Level St
L Dettori	26	138	18.8	-9.78	J Dunlop	20	113	17.7	-24.32
Pat Eddery	21	92	22.8	-32.29	H Cecil	19	65	29.2	-13.30
K Fallon	20	139	14.4	-18.97	Mrs Ramsden	13	86	15.1	+0.58
G Duffield	19	123	15.4	-2.78	R Hannon	11	149	7.45	-88.90
T Sprake	18	125	14.4	+85.37	M Channon	10	65	15.4	+2.50
W Ryan	15	126	11.9	-64.58	B McMahon	10	133	7.52	-25.50
J Quinn	15	168	8.9	+17.50	R Hollinshead	10	136	7.42	-63.00

Musselburgh runners and riders

	CHRIS HAWKINS	TOP FORM
2.10	Love Again	Love Again
2.40	Trilby	Trilby
3.10	Classic Ballet	Karisma
3.40	Elsinore	Sans Rivale
4.10	Cherished	Greenbrook
4.40	Serious Account	Rotor Man

Right-handed, oval track of almost 1¼m with sharp turns and 4f run-in. Straight 5f.
Going: Good. ★ Denotes blinkers.
Draw: High numbers favoured up to 1m.
Long distance travellers: Secret Strength (4.40), Lady Herries, W Sussex, 441 miles; Greenbrook (4.10), W Turner, Somerset, 407 miles; Chilcpenny (2.10), Mrs L Stubbs, Wilts, 390 miles; Sun In The Morning (3.40), B Meehan, Berkshire, 373 miles.
Seven day winners: 2.40 Il Principe.
Blinkered first time: 2.40 Dirab; 3.40 Miss Beveled; 4.10 Jet Set Sarah & 4.40 Hostile Native. **Visored:** 4.10 Emperor's Gold & Cherished.
Figures in brackets after horse's name denote days since last outing. J,Jumps.

2.10 E.B.F. MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES 2YO 5f £2,957 (12 declared)

1 (5)	4	Another Wye-Bank (19) J FitzGerald 8-11	J Fortune
2 (1)	336433	Chilcpenny (19) Mrs L Stubbs 8-11	J F Egan ★
3 (4)		Cimbina Chick J Berry 8-11	P Roberts (5)
4 (3)		Crystal Waters G Oldroyd 8-11	R Farmer (7)
5 (2)	004	Double Power (20) L Lloyd-James 8-11	Kim Tinkler
6 (11)	2	Love Again (19) M Bell 8-11	M Fenton
7 (12)		Palette Bluebird G Oldroyd 8-11	K Hodgson
8 (7)	50	Rare Indigo (37) J Berry 8-11	K Darley
9 (3)	0	Sorridar (16) J Eyre 8-11	M Gallagher
10 (9)		Sun Dancing P Monteith 8-11	D Pears
11 (10)	50	Take A Risk (10) M Johnston 8-11	D Holland
12 (2)	00	Tigi (28) Mrs M Reveley 8-11	A Culhane

Betting: 6-4 Love Again, 5-1 Sorridar, 13-2 Another Wye-Bank, Take A Risk, 8-1 Chilcpenny, 12-1 Cimbina Chick, Double Power, Rare Indigo.

2.40 BLACK CASTLE HANDICAP 2m £3,113 (15 declared)

1 (14)	033432	Dirab (17) (D) (BF) T Barron 4-9-11	J Fortune ★
2 (11)	011220	Urgent Reply (6) C Dwyer 4-9-7	P Roberts (5)
3 (15)	33/016	Chitara (48) Mrs M Reveley 7-8-3	A Culhane
4 (8)	21240/	Trilby (17) (CD) (BF) G Richards 4-8-11	J Carroll
5 (12)	/45105	Thunderheart (33) (D) R Allan 6-8-10	D Holland
6 (3)	01-400	Sarmata Storm (20) (C) M Bell 5-8-10	M Fenton
7 (7)	316	Kika (26) K Burke 4-8-4	G Bardwell
8 (2)	010513	Sashi Bar (14) (CD) Mrs M Reveley 6-8-4	K Darley
9 (8)	252535	Highfield Fizz (13) C Fairhurst 5-7-13	P Fessey (3)
10 (13)	512121	Il Principe (7) (6lb ex) (C) John Berry 3-7-13	J F Egan
11 (10)	11600/	Trump (J131) C Parker 8-7-10	K Kennedy
12 (5)	0/0-00	Katikos (47) R Whitaker 5-7-10	Darren Moffatt (3) ★
13 (10)	440160	Marenoise (22) Enrico Incisa 3-7-10	Kim Tinkler
14 (11)	00-040	Touby's Witch (J16) J Goldie 5-7-10	T Williams
15 (4)	0-0000	Burlesque (33) J Bethell 3-7-10	Iona Wands (5)

Betting: 4-1 Il Principe, 5-1 Dirab, 7-1 Sashi Bar, 8-1 Urgent Reply, Trilby, Sarmata Storm, Kika.

3.10 FORT HANDICAP 1m 4f £3,132 (16 declared)

1 (6)	60-033	Classic Flyer (16) I Campbell 4-10-0	A Mackay
2 (3)	622230	Sparky (16) M W Easterby 3-9-11	G Parkin (3) ★
3 (15)	112314	Classic Ballet (18) (CD) (BF) R Guest 4-9-9	K Darley
4 (12)	321046	Ambidextrous (17) (CD) E Alston 5-9-9	J F Egan
5 (11)	04150-	Pickens (301) (D) Enrico Incisa 5-9-5	Kim Tinkler
6 (13)	462221	Durgams First (19) (D) Mrs M Reveley 5-9-2	A Culhane
7 (1)	0-2004	Rambo Terrace (35) (C) C Booth 4-9-1	F Norton
8 (14)	302	Beach Buoy (29) J H Wilson 3-9-0	P Roberts (5)
9 (10)	-32041	Little Miss Rocker (48) (D) A Dickin 3-9-0	D Pears
10 (9)	565R-0	Thelorne (13) (D) J Wainwright 7-8-13	Dean McKeown
11 (7)	310300	Mr Speculator (16) (D) J Banks 4-8-13	[illegible]
12 (2)	-02040	Karisma (11) D Smith 4-8-13	J Fortune
13 (5)	530543	Dancing Dream (58) M Bell 3-8-12	M Fenton
14 (4)	010630	Mawlaha (14) D Chapman 6-8-8	J Carroll
15 (16)	435614	Sing And Dance (16) E Weymes 4-8-5	Dale Gibson
16 (8)	/0306-	Banned (392) F Watson 5-8-3	P Fessey (3)

Betting: 6-1 Classic Ballet, 7-1 Classic Flyer, Karisma, Sing And Dance, 8-1 Sparky, Durgams First, Beach Buoy, Little Miss Rocker, Mr Speculator.

3.40 PINKIE NURSERY HANDICAP 2YO 5f £3,015 (12 declared)

1 (1)	05400	Sammlerra (34) J Berry 9-7	K Darley
2 (6)	420	Three Star Rated (28) T Barron 9-5	J Carroll
3 (5)	211311	Elenbrook (64) (CD) J Berry 9-2	P Fessey (3) ★
4 (4)	211139	Dayrabee (26) (D) N Tinkler 9-2	Kim Tinkler
5 (12)	32041	Sans Rivale (18) (CD) J Eyre 9-0	R Lappin
6 (7)	0500	Allmaites (11) D Nicholls 9-0	Iona Wands (5)
7 (9)	4560	Ridgefield Beauty (58) J Goldie 8-12	A Culhane
8 (10)	04000	Elsinore (32) Mrs J Ramsden 8-10	J Fortune
9 (11)	132305	Sun In The Morning (21) (D) B Meehan 8-5	Dean McKeown
10 (3)	603452	Haybarner (28) (BF) M W Easterby 8-4	T Lucas ★
11 (2)	055033	Blarney Park (24) C Dwyer 8-4	J F Egan
12 (8)	336604	Miss Beveled (32) M Brittain 7-10	D Meenagh (7) ★

Betting: 4-1 Elenbrook, 5-1 Sans Rivale, 13-2 Blarney Park, 7-1 Dayrabee, Elsinore, Haybarner 10-1 Three Star Rated, Sun In The Morning.

4.10 CARBERRY TOWER CLAIMING STKS 2YO 1m £2,682 (9 declared)

1 (7)	032104	Greenbrook (16) (BF) W G M Turner 8-4	D McGaffin (7)
2 (2)	404	Kaya (7) T Etherington 8-13	D Holland
3 (6)	506100	Docklands Dispatch (9) N Tinkler 8-8	Kim Tinkler
4 (1)	030	Emperor's Gold (16) I Campbell 8-8	A Mackay ★
5 (5)	50400	Cherished (9) N Tinkler 8-4	R Winston (7) ★
6 (3)	5600	Jet Set Sarah (12) J Berry 8-4	K Darley ★
7 (6)	62	Ambodelicatessa (59) D Moffatt 8-3	Darren Moffatt (3)
8 (4)	060466	Clairdania (16) J H Wilson 8-1	G Bardwell
9 (8)	506350	Nguyen Princess (7) W Kemp 7-11	T Williams

Betting: 3-1 Emperor's Gold, 4-1 Greenbrook, 11-2 Kaya, 13-2 Ambodelicatessa, 7-1 Jet Set Sarah, Clairdania, 8-1 Nguyen Princess.

4.40 HONEST TOUN MAIDEN HANDICAP 7f 30yds £2,766 (14 declared)

1 (11)	000-0	Hostile Native (10) R Guest 4-10-0	M Fenton ★
2 (1)	503606	Rotor Man (54) J Bethell 3-10-0	D Holland
3 (13)	354200	Two On The Bridge (21) D Smith 3-9-12	G Bardwell
4 (10)	002022	Zalotto (7) T Etherington 3-9-9	A Culhane ★
5 (4)	0-6000	Martine (34) A Bailey 3-9-7	P Roberts (5)
6 (3)	000022	Don't Worry Mike (26) F Lee 3-9-6	D Pears ★
7 (9)	000-40	French Ginger (7) L Lloyd-James 6-9-6	T Williams
8 (2)	005664	Falls O'Moness (16) K Burke 3-9-6	J F Egan
9 (8)	342020	Flotster (57) M Dods 4-9-3	J Carroll ★
10 (3)	020425	Kalle Kamalle (28) J H Wilson 4-9-2	K Darley ★
11 (12)	00005	Secret Strength (28) Lady Herries 3-9-1	P Dee (7)
12 (6)	0-30	Serious Account (64) J Eyre 4-9-1	M Gallagher
13 (14)	600005	Tarradale (21) C Booth 3-9-0	F Norton
14 (7)	000-04	The Dubious Goose (16) Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-12	J Fortune

Betting: 9-2 Don't Worry Mike, 5-1 Zalotto, 6-1 Flotster, 8-1 Rotor Man, Falls O'Moness, Kalle Kamalle, 10-1 Hostile Native, Secret Strength, The Dubious Goose.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

Jockeys	1st	Runs	%	Level St	Trainers	1st	Runs	%	Level St
K Darley	42	198	21.2	-28.13	J Berry	38	181	21.7	+42.62
J Weaver	29	137	21.2	-2.07	M Johnston	19	125	15.2	-67.95
J Fortune	20	153	13.1	-26.37	Mrs Reveley	14	90	15.6	-30.89
K Fallon	19	121	15.7	-43.23	Denys Smith	10	77	13.0	-0.37
G Duffield	15	71	21.1	-8.03	N Tinkler	9	38	23.7	-0.64
L Charnock	14	117	12	-11.22	T D Barron	6	43	18.6	-2.11
A Culhane	13	83	15.7	+8.37	J L Eyre	7	73	9.58	+7.00

Fontwell (N.H.) card

	CHRIS HAWKINS	TOP FORM
2.20	Iktatsk	Iktatsk
2.50	Mutual Agreement	Mutual Agreement
3.20	Gower Slave	Jack Gallagher (nap)
3.50	Blatant Outburst	Blatant Outburst
4.20	Flowing River	Flowing River
4.50	Going For Broke	Silema Creek

Hurdles course left-handed oval of about 1m; chase course a figure of eight. Both favour the handy type of horse.
Going: Good. ★ Denotes blinkers.
Long distance travellers: Kilcoran Bay (2.20), Itsgonnashine (2.50), Gower-Slave (3.20) & Nesscina (4.50), P Bowen, Dyfed, 234 miles: Blatant Outburst (3.50), Miss S Wilton, Staffs, 192 miles: Forest Musk (3.20), Miners Rest (4.20) & Silema Creek (4.50), P Hobbs, Somerset, 143 miles.
Seven day winners: None.
Blinkered first time: 4.20 Miners Rest. **Visored:** 2.20 Circus Colours.
Figures in brackets after horse's name denote days since last outing. F,Flat.

2.20 ARUNDEL SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE 2m 2f 110yds £1,784 (8 declared)

1	38/121	Iktatsk (11) (CD) M Pipe 6-12-0	A P McCoy ★
2	25-511	He Knows The Rules (11) (CD) R Buckler 5-11-9	B Powell
3	160-53	Circus Colours (38) (CD) J Jenkins 7-11-4	W Williamson ★
4	412-30	Hever Golf Diamond (30) J R Best 4-11-1	Mr P O'Keeffe (7) ★
5	494-32	Dubai Dolly (11) J Maffin 4-10-4	S Curran
6	P0PPP	Gris Et Violet (21) R Stronge 10-10-2	J Culloty
7	0EP-4P	Kilcoran Bay (12) P Bowen 5-10-0	R Johnson ★
8	45P-	Spiral Flyer (F26) M Usher 4-10-0	W Marston

Betting: 7-4 Iktatsk, 9-4 He Knows The Rules, 13-2 Circus Colours, Dubai Dolly, 10-1 Hever Golf Diamond, Kilcoran Bay, 12-1 Spiral Flyer, 33-1 Gris Et Violet.

2.50 FONTWELL NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE 3m 2f 110yds £2,837 (6 declared)

1	/6350-	Persian View (115) (C) (D) K Bailey 7-12-0	N Williamson
2	26F-1	Mutual Agreement (21) (D) P Nicholls 10-11-3	T J Murphy
3	3-3131	Professor Page (20) C Mann 7-10-8	A Thornton
4	4-2232	John Roger (17) H Manners 11-10-4	S Curran
5	3PP1/5	Fair Enchantress (18) N Hawke 9-10-3	B Fenton ★
6	4P205	Itsgonnashine (34) P Bowen 8-10-0	R Johnson

Betting: 6-4 Mutual Agreement, 7-4 Professor Page, 4-1 Persian View, 8-1 John Roger, 16-1 Fair Enchantress, Itsgonnashine.

3.20 FRANK BOND MEMORIAL NOVICE HURDLE 2m 6f 110yds £2,343 (6 declared)

1	0531-2	Gower-Slave (12) (B) P Bowen 5-11-3	R Johnson
2	3/426-	Forest Musk (279) P Hobbs 6-10-10	R Dunwoody
3	/2220-	Jack Gallagher (182) Miss B Sanders 6-10-10	M Richards
4	6P52-5	Kybo's Revenge (11) R Rowe 6-10-10	B O'Sullivan
5	4PP1P-	Stoney Piper (138) B Pearce 7-10-10	D Gallagher
6	5/UPP-	Strange Ways (298) H Manners 9-10-10	A Dowling (7)

Betting: 7-4 Jack Gallagher, 2-1 Forest Musk, 5-2 Gower-Slave, 8-1 Kybo's Revenge, 20-1 Stoney Piper, 33-1 Strange Ways.

3.50 STREBEL BOILERS AND RADIATORS HANDICAP HURDLE 2m 6f 110yds £2,301 (6 declared)

1	P2550-	Kalasadi (228) (CD) V Soane 6-11-13	J Culloty
2	243-00	Gone By (11) (C) J Jenkins 9-11-8	D Yellowlees (7)
3	5641-2	Chieftain's Crown (83) (C) R Simpson 6-11-4	P McLoughlin
4	U0104/	Fly Guard (661) N Babbage 10-10-7	M Keighley (7)
5	405-21	Blatant Outburst (11) (C) Miss S Wilton 7-10-7	A P McCoy ★
6	3-6413	Garry's Pride (11) (CD) (BF) J Mullins 6-10-0	A Maguire

Betting: 15-8 Blatant Outburst, 2-1 Garry's Pride, 11-2 Kalasadi, 13-2 Gone By, 8-1 Fly Guard, 10-1 Chieftain's Crown.

4.20 FIRST NATIONAL VEHICLE CONTRACTS LTD HANDICAP CHASE 2m 3f £2,611 (5 declared)

1	54113-	Red Bean (182) K Vincent 9-12-0	R Johnson
2	235-1U	Miners Rest (21) (D) (BF) P Hobbs 9-10-9	Mr R Widger (7) ★
3	0P4-21	Flowing River (11) (CD) N Mitchell 11-10-5	A Bates (5) ★
4	631-04	Gabish (21) (C) B Scriven 12-10-0	E Supple (5)
5	-P546P	Hamero (5) R Buckler 5-10-0	B Powell

Betting: 13-8 Flowing River, 2-1 Miners Rest, 11-4 Red Bean, 7-1 Gabish, 25-1 Hamero.

4.50 RANK CHALLENGE CUP JUVENILE NOVICE HURDLE 3YO 2m 2f 110yds £2,385 (6 declared)

1	1	Chopin (21) (CD) G Johnson Houghton 11-3	D Gallagher
2	33	Going For Broke (30) C Mann 10-10	R Dunwoody
3		Mystik Day (F76) M Pipe 10-10	A P McCoy
4		Saltimbanco (F29) R Akehurst 10-10	A Maguire
5	U32	Silema Creek (19) P Hobbs 10-10	C Llewellyn
6		Nesscina P Bowen 10-5	R Johnson

Betting: 9-4 Mystik Day, 3-1 Silema Creek, 7-2 Going For Broke, 9-2 Chopin, Saltimbanco, 20-1 Nesscina.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

Jockeys	1st	Runs	%	Level St	Trainers	1st	Runs	%	Level St
A P McCoy	20	87	23	-13.58	R Buckler	15	56	26.8	+37.93
P Hide	19	85	22.4	+16.50	M Pipe	15	63	23.8	-26.16
A Maguire	17	95	17.9	-33.86	R Rowe	14	127	11.8	-29.84
J Osborne	16	51	31.4	+10.82	[illegible]	11	40	27.5	+8.77
B Powell	14	110	12.7	-0.57	P Nicholls	10	27	37.5	+1.67
D Bridgwater	13	61	21.3	-10.15	J Jenkins	7	41	17.1	-7.97
D O'Sullivan	12	88	13.6	-44.27	K C Bailey	6	28	21.4	-7.42

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Cricket: Sunday League joy at Edgbaston

Warwickshire take title as Kent bow to Lehmann

David Hopps and **John Beaumont** on last-day triumphs for overseas entertainers

KENT's experience of Headingley's unflattering wastes has been distressing. Displaced as County Championship leaders by Glamorgan on Saturday, they yesterday conceded the Sunday League to Warwickshire as Darren Lehmann provided a thumping send-off to his season.

Lehmann's debut season as Yorkshire's overseas professional has been hugely productive — more than 1,500 Championship runs and yesterday an unbeaten 68-ball 78 that brought a seven-wicket victory with more than 10 overs to spare. Kent were banished and Warwickshire, after overcoming Gloucestershire by 71 runs, duly raised the replica trophy at Edgbaston.

Warwickshire, too, owed much to their overseas player. Allan Donald, the South Africa fast bowler, is due to fly home today to prepare for his country's tour of Pakistan. Yesterday he led out Warwickshire to a standing ovation and later took four for 24 as Gloucestershire were dismissed for 150.

Before that, as spectators were kept informed of events at Headingley, Warwickshire's 221 for six had contained a stylish 102 from Nick Knight. He had something to prove as two of Warwickshire's four defeats came under his captaincy in June, the second of them against Kent at Tunbridge Wells.

Yesterday he hit seven fours and a huge pulled six before he was run out by a direct hit from Tim Hancock. Knight shared an opening stand of 89 with Neil Smith (39), who captained the county to victory in 10 of the 11 games in which he was in charge.

Gladstone Small stifled Gloucestershire by conceding only 25 runs and Ashley Giles ran through the middle order with a season's-best four for 25 before Donald was brought back to polish off the tail and be chaired from the field.

Joy, then, for Warwickshire and despair for Kent. After their defeat against Surrey in the Benson & Hedges Cup final the captain Steve Marsh is bracing himself for the condemnation that will follow.

"They say we freeze on the big occasions, and quite rightly so," he said. "It was a poor performance all round. It might just work in our favour that we go into the last round of championship matches a point behind Glamorgan. At least we can claim to be underdogs."

Lehmann had the opportunity to outstrip his fellow Australian, Hampshire's opener Matthew Hayden, in the chase for the league's highest run aggregate. But Bradley Parker, as if caught up in the excitement of it all, slammed an unbeaten 39 from 27 balls and left him 12 runs short.

"You don't worry about those things when the cricket game is on," Lehmann laughed. "You just get a win under your belt."

An eighth-wicket stand of 61 between Marsh and Paul Strang endeavoured to plot Kent an escape route. Strang, who struck 36 from 46 balls before being dismissed off the last ball, returns to Zimbabwe tomorrow.

Lehmann was irrepressible. Michael Bevan might feel betrayed because Yorkshire have reneged on a commitment to reappoint him next season, but Lehmann has matched him on the field and has been more relaxed and popular off it.

Knight's day ... the Warwickshire opener shows his style on his way to a century yesterday PHOTOGRAPH: RUI VIEIRA

County Championship

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bwl	Pts	Toss	Form
Glamorgan	16	7	2	7	46	53	232	8	6/24/8/11/24
Kent	16	7	4	5	43	56	231	7	24/16/10/23/11
Warwickshire	16	7	2	6	30	49	212	11	4/7/21/23/24
Yorkshire	16	6	2	8	39	53	212	8	11/22/10/22/10
Middlesex	16	7	4	5	30	52	209	5	4/9/20/8/23
Worcestershire	16	5	3	8	45	50	204	11	24/10/6/5/24
Gloucestershire	16	6	6	4	33	56	197	6	9/23/6/6/4
Surrey	16	5	4	7	39	48	188	9	24/24/24/8/3
Essex	16	5	6	5	37	51	183	9	2/8/4/20/4
Lancashire	16	5	6	5	33	50	178	9	24/4/9/4/24
Somerset	16	3	2	11	36	60	177	9	10/11/9/8/21
Leicestershire	16	3	1	11	36	50	170	7	7/2/20/7/11
Notts	16	4	3	9	22	53	166	7	11/9/22/7/3
Hampshire	16	3	4	8	39	41	155	5	5/8/9/9/21
Northants	16	3	5	8	30	45	147	12	6/5/6/23/9
Durham	16	2	7	6	22	52	127	8	4/10/11/3/5
Derbyshire	16	1	9	6	28	55	117	3	24/8/8/4/2
Sussex	16	1	10	5	21	55	107	8	19/7/4/3/4

Key: Toss = tosses won; Form = points gained in most recent matches

Sun sets prettily on Championship

Paul Weaver remarks on the irony of a thrilling climax to the weary old competition

THERE is no small irony in the fact that as the tortuous debate on the future of the game in this country reaches a clumsy climax at Lord's today the dear old dinosaur appears to be in rude health.

Provided the weather does not give us a damp anticlimax, the County Championship should come to a thrilling conclusion at Taunton and Canterbury this week when, respectively, the leaders Glamorgan and second-placed Kent, one point behind, go into the final matches.

"Jolly good stuff, why change a thing?" you can hear the diehards cry. But change there will be even if counties panic about the idea of two divisions, which is surely the way ahead, and opt instead for the latest botched scheme of a Super Cup.

Lord MacLaurin, chairman of the England and Wales Cricket Board, is not quite the chump he presents himself as. Better men than he have failed to find consensus in English cricket. He does, however, have a few cartons of free range on his face.

"He knows as much about cricket as he knows about politics," said one Test player at Sophia Gardens in Cardiff last week as Glamorgan beat Essex by seven wickets. MacLaurin had said he would vote Conservative in the General Election, presumably forgetting that lords, in common with lunatics and prisoners, are not allowed to vote.

Having come up with the potty and unworkable conference scheme, MacLaurin has more recently made phone calls from Spain, evoking memories of the last days of Raymond Illingworth in his Mediterranean bunker, saying he wanted two divisions all along. Now this alternative may be defeated too, which would leave the chairman with no honourable exit.

The counties must choose from four options tomorrow. But whoever wins the championship at the weekend, Glamorgan or Kent — dismissing the far-fetched chances of Warwickshire, Yorkshire and Middlesex — they will do so with a little extra pride because this will surely be the last of its kind.

It is a fitting climax. Most people would agree that Glamorgan and Kent are the best two sides, probably in that order. Glamorgan, whose nerve failed them in their previous game against Surrey, nearly blew it again at Cardiff on Saturday when, chasing 149 for victory, they slipped to 26 for three before Matthew Maynard's captain's innings.

Somerset, talented and unpredictable, represent an uneasy final hurdle for Glamorgan, who need maximum points to be sure of the championship for the third time. And if the weather does intervene it is more likely to be at Taunton than Canterbury.

Surrey, it might be argued, are even more talented and even less predictable than Somerset. But they have much to prove after their awful defeat by Lancashire by an innings and 55 runs.

Surrey, like the rest of the Test-hosting counties, are thought to favour two divisions next season. If they are as shoddy against Kent as they were against Lancashire they could be in the bottom half. And in the second division.

Saturday scoreboard

Britannic Assurance Championship

GLAMORGAN 24
ESSEX 46

Cardiff: Glamorgan won by seven wickets.

GLAMORGAN: First innings 361 (H Morris 82, M P Maynard 71; Law 4-69).
ESSEX: First innings 189 (S G Law 85).

ESSEX
Second innings (overnight: 320-8)
A P Grayson not out 98
A P Cowan c Shaw b Watkin 13
P M Such c Croft b Watkin 6
Extras (b9, lb16, nb2) 27
Total (108.4 overs) 340
Fall of wickets cont: 320.
Bowlings: Wagar 22-2-82-2; Watkin 26.4-6-68-5; Croft 31-8-88-2; Cosker 11-3-25-0; Thomas 18-0-54-1.

GLAMORGAN
Second innings
S P James b Cowan 4
H Morris c Hyam b Cowan 0
A Dale b Such 12
*M P Maynard not out 78
P A Cottey not out 35
Extras (b4, lb12, nb8) 24
Total (for 3, 44.1 overs) 150
Fall of wickets: 4, 13, 28.
Did not bat: R D B Croft, †A D Shaw, Wagar Younis, S D Thomas, S L Watkin, D A Cosker.
Bowlings (cont: 13.1-2-43-0; Cowan 11-4-14-2; Such 12-2-35-1; D R Law 4-0-19-0; Grayson 4-0-23-0
Umpires: J H Harris and R Julian.

YORKSHIRE 10
KENT 11

Headingley: Match drawn.

KENT: First innings 374 (S A Marsh 84, T R Ward 56, M V Fleming 58; Silverwood 7-93).
YORKSHIRE: First innings 312 (D S Lehmann 87, D Byas 59, D Gough 58; Ealham 4-62, Iggleden 4-67).

YORKSHIRE
Second innings (overnight: 290-8)
C E W Silverwood not out 6
R D Stemp b Strang 9
P M Hutchison c Ward b Strang 0
Extras (b5, lb11) 16
Total (78.4 overs) 301
Fall of wickets cont: 301.
Bowlings: Headley 13-1-67-0; Iggleden 14-0-55-2; Fleming 16-5-56-1; Ealham 15-0-47-4; Strang 16.4-3-55-3; Wells 1-0-5-0.

KENT
Second innings
D P Fulton b Silverwood 10
E T Smith c Blakey b Silverwood 7
T R Ward lbw b Silverwood 7
A P Wells lbw b Silverwood 14
G R Cowdrey lbw b Silverwood 1
M A Ealham not out 44
M V Fleming not out 30
Extras (lb4, nb10) 14
Total (for 5, 75 overs) 147
Fall of wickets: 15, 18, 23, 31, 48.
Did not bat: *†S A Marsh, D W Headley, P A Strang, A P Iggleden.
Bowlings: Silverwood 22-6-55-5; Hutchison 20-10-22-0; Stemp 13-6-18-0; White 13-5-13-0; Vaughan 7-0-35-0.
Umpires: H D Bird and B J Meyer.

HAMPSHIRE 21
SUSSEX 4

Southampton: Hampshire won by seven wickets.

SUSSEX: First innings 114 (Udal 4-17, Milburn 4-38).
HAMPSHIRE: First innings 245 (G W White 80, P R Whitaker 73; Khan 4-79, Kirtley 4-41).
SUSSEX: Second innings 390 (M T E Peirce 104, J R Carpenter 63, A A Khan 52, N R Taylor 52).

HAMPSHIRE
Second innings (overnight: 37-0)
J S Laney c Kirtley b Khan 76
M L Hayden c Moores b Robinson 10
G W White not out 75
P R Whitaker c Greenfield b Bates 24
W S Kendall not out 42
Extras (b4, lb3, w6, nb20) 33
Total (for 3, 92.1 overs) 260
Fall of wickets: 40, 112, 169.
Did not bat: *J P Stephenson, †A N Aymes, S D Udal, R J Maru, S J Renshaw, S M Milburn.
Bowlings: Jarvis 13-2-32-0; Kirtley 14-4-34-0; Khan 26-5-89-1; Robinson 12-1-41-1; Bates 11-3-28-1; Carpenter 3-0-13-0; Peirce 1.1-0-6-0.
Umpires: J C Balderstone and R A White.

WORCESTERSHIRE 24
DERBYSHIRE 2

Worcester: Worcestershire won by ten wickets.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First innings 354-8 dec (W P C Weston 186, T M Moody 101, D A Leatherdale 93).
DERBYSHIRE: First innings 223 (M E Cassar 76no).

DERBYSHIRE
Second innings (overnight: 364-8)
†K M Krikken c Weston b Illingworth 65
S J Lacey not out 34
D E Malcolm b Sheriyar 0
Extras (b4, lb3, w4, nb10) 21
Total (110 overs) 402
Fall of wickets cont: 402.
Bowlings: Lampitt 10-1-55-0; Haynes 9-1-63-0; Sheriyar 21-8-64-4; Hick 25-6-70-4; Illingworth 25-8-51-2; Moody 5-0-30-0; Leatherdale 13-5-42-0.

WORCESTERSHIRE
Second innings
W P C Weston not out 19
K R Spiring not out 50
Extras (lb1, nb2) 3
Total (for 0, 17.4 overs) 72
Did not bat: G A Hick, *T M Moody, G R Haynes, D A Leatherdale, V S Solanki, †S J Rhodes, S R Lampitt, R K Illingworth, A Sheriyar.
Bowlings: Malcolm 4-0-18-0; Harris 4-1-8-0; DeFreitas 5-0-31-0; Lacey 4.4-1-14-0.
Umpires: D R Shepherd and A G T Whitehead.

MIDDLESEX 23
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE 3

Lord's: Middlesex won by ten wickets.

MIDDLESEX: First innings 430-8 dec (O A Shah 104 no, J C Pooley 88, M R Ramprakash 55).
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First innings 210 (Tufnell 5-61, Kallis 4-39).

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
Second innings (overnight: 83-2)
G E Welton b Bloomfield 47
*P Johnson lbw b Bloomfield 44
U Afzaal run out 21
C M Tolley lbw b Fraser 2
†W M Noon b Kallis 7
P J Franks c Shah b Kallis 19
K P Evans lbw b Kallis 14
R T Bates not out 6
M N Bowen retd hurt 3
Extras (b7, lb12, w2, nb12) 33
Total (115 overs) 226
Fall of wickets cont: 129, 136, 148, 168, 184, 200, 221.
Bowlings: Fraser 20-10-34-1; Hewitt 7-1-25-0; Bloomfield 17-6-33-3; Kallis 25-5-69-3; Tufnell 40-15-67-1; Ramprakash 6-4-2-0.

MIDDLESEX
Second innings
A R C Fraser not out 12
J P Hewitt not out 0
Extras 0
Total (for 0, 1 over) 12
Did not bat: J C Pooley, J H Kallis, *M R Ramprakash, M W Gatting, O A Shah, †K R Brown, D C Nash, T F Bloomfield, P C R Tufnell.
Bowlings: Noon 1-0-12-0.
Umpires: B Leadbeater and G I Burgess.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE 9
LEICESTERSHIRE 11

Northampton: Match drawn.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First innings 332 (D Ripley 92, A L Penberthy 65; Ormond 5-88).
LEICESTERSHIRE: First innings 557 (J M Dakin 180, D J Millns 121, I J Sutcliffe 81; K Davies 4-118).

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
Second innings (overnight 38-1)
R R Montgomerie b Pierson 56
S A J Boswell b Dakin 35
K M Curran c Wells b Brimson 13
D J G Sales c Brimson b Pierson 18
A L Penberthy c Maddy b Brimson 16
†D Ripley not out 53
J P Taylor b Pierson 13
M K Davies c Nixon b Ormond 14
J F Brown lbw b Ormond 0
*R J Bailey not out 16
Extras (b12, lb1, w4, nb2) 19
Total (for 8, 112 overs) 258
Fall of wickets cont: 109, 127, 131, 161, 171, 204, 235, 235.
Bowlings: Millns 11-1-45-0; Ormond 24-10-55-2; Pierson 41-8-118-3; Brimson 28-9-48-3; Dakin 6-1-14-1; Wells 4-0-4-0.
Umpires: M J Kitchen and R Palmer.

Sunday scoreboard

AXA Life League

HAMPSHIRE 4
SUSSEX 0

Southampton: Hampshire won by two wickets.

SUSSEX
K Greenfield c Kendall b Francis 35
*†P Moores c Kendall b Francis 32
N R Taylor lbw b Stephenson 1
M Newell c Laney b Stephenson 60
K Newell run out 7
J Carpenter b Udal 18
R S C Martin-Jenkins c Aymes b Milburn 3
P W Jarvis lbw b Stephenson 1
J J Bates b Stephenson 1
A A Khan run out 8
R J Kirtley not out 1
Extras (lb9, w5) 14
Total (38.4 overs) 181
Fall of wickets: 66, 68, 82, 104, 147, 165, 166, 169, 171.
Bowlings: Renshaw 4-0-25-0; Milburn 7-0-27-1; Francis 8-0-31-2; Stephenson 7.4-0-41-4; Udal 8-1-31-1; Whitaker 4-0-17-0.

HAMPSHIRE
J S Laney c Kirtley b K Newell 15
M L Hayden lbw b Kirtley 1
G W White c Taylor b Jarvis 17
S D Udal c Moores b Khan 70
P R Whitaker c Moores b Jarvis 0
W S Kendall lbw b Martin-Jenkins 33
*J P Stephenson b Jarvis 13
S J Renshaw not out 10
†A N Aymes run out 4
S M Milburn not out 0
Extras (lb8, w8, nb2) 19
Total (for 8, 40 overs) 184
Fall of wickets: 18, 20, 66, 68, 125, 157, 170, 180.
Did not bat: S R G Francis.
Bowlings: K Newell 8-1-33-1; Kirtley 8-0-26-1; Martin-Jenkins 8-0-32-1; Jarvis 8-0-46-3; Khan 8-0-38-1.
Umpires: J C Balderstone and R A White.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE 4
LEICESTERSHIRE 0

Northampton: Northamptonshire won by five wickets.

LEICESTERSHIRE
V J Wells c Taylor b Penberthy 38
I J Sutcliffe c Bailey b Blain 0
B F Smith c Blain b Curran 38
*J J Whitaker b Penberthy 0
D L Maddy c Curran b Brown 34
J M Dakin c Fordham b Penberthy 7
†P A Nixon b Brown 21
D Williamson b Brown 17
T J Mason st Bailey b Brown 5
J Ormond not out 9
Extras (lb6, w7) 13
Total (40 overs) 179
Fall of wickets: 1, 60, 61, 82, 99, 140, 146, 156, 179.
Did not bat: M T Brimson.
Bowlings: Blain 8-0-46-1; Taylor 6-0-21-0; Curran 4-0-15-1; Penberthy 6-0-32-3; Swann 8-0-33-0; Brown 7-0-26-4.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
A Fordham c Smith b Wells 1
R R Montgomerie c Mason b Ormond 68
*K M Curran not out 76
D J G Sales c Nixon b Ormond 1
A L Penberthy b Mason 16
T C Walton b Maddy 2
G P Swann not out 0
Extras (b1, lb3, w8, nb2) 14
Total (for 5, 38.2 overs) 181
Fall of wickets: 2, 146, 149, 170, 177.
Did not bat: J F Brown, †T M B Bailey, J P Taylor, J A R Blain.
Bowlings: Ormond 8-1-22-2; Wells 6-1-26-1; Dakin 8-0-40-0; Brimson 8-1-32-0; Mason 3.2-0-27-1; Williamson 2-0-14-0; Maddy 3-0-14-1.
Umpires: M J Kitchen and R Palmer.

WARWICKSHIRE 4
GLOUCESTERSHIRE 0

Edgbaston: Warwickshire won by 71 runs.

WARWICKSHIRE
N V Knight run out 102
*N M K Smith c & b Ball 39
D R Brown c Alleyne b Ball 1
D L Hemp c & b Alleyne 8
D P Ostler c Sub b Smith 24
T L Penney not out 16
G Welch c Sub b Young 9
A F Giles not out 4
Extras (b2, lb7, w5, nb4) 18
Total (for 6, 40 overs) 221
Fall of wickets: 89, 94, 110, 178, 197, 215.
Did not bat: †K J Piper, A A Donald, G C Small.
Bowlings: Smith 8-0-41-1; Lewis 9-0-48-0; Young 8-0-45-1; Ball 8-0-35-2; Alleyne 8-0-29-1; Hancock 2-0-14-0.

Lancashire go down but stay third

LANCASHIRE clung to third place in the Sunday League despite a five-wicket defeat by Surrey at The Oval. Leicestershire, with a superior run-rate, would have moved above them by winning at Northampton but lost by the same margin.

Surrey, the champions last season passed their 207 target with Ben Hollioake scoring his first Sunday half-century and with Alec Stewart unbeaten on 67.

Leicestershire's hopes were dashed as Northamptonshire moved to their third league win in eight days on the back of a second-wicket stand of 144 between the acting captain Kevin Curran (78 not out) and Richard Montgomerie (69).

GLOUCESTERSHIRE
R I Dawson c Piper b Donald 15
T H C Hancock c & b Smith 29
S Young c Ostler b Smith 8
M J Church b Giles 25
*M W Alleyne c Penney b Giles 29
M G N Windows b Giles 6
M C J Ball c Brown b Donald 6
R J Cunliffe b Donald 6
†C M W Read c Smith b Giles 0
J J Lewis b Donald 1
A M Smith not out 7
Extras (b2, lb13, w4) 19
Total (36.5 overs) 150
Falls: 43, 92, 75, 102, 122, 128, 136, 136, 139.
Bowlings: Brown 3-0-17-0; Welch 3-0-15-0; Donald 7.5-1-24-4; Smith 6-0-29-2; Small 8-2-25-0; Giles 7-0-25-4.

MIDDLESEX 4
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE 0

Lord's: Middlesex won by one run.

MIDDLESEX
P N Weekes c Evans b Franks 53
*M R Ramprakash c Bates b Franks 52
O A Shah not out 66
J C Pooley c Johnson b Evans 29
D C Nash run out 2
†K R Brown not out 9
Extras (lb11, w5, nb4) 20
Total (for 4, 40 overs) 231
Fall of wickets: 104, 125, 189, 204.
Did not bat: K P Dutch, J P Hewitt, A R C Fraser, R A Fay, T F Bloomfield.
Bowlings: Evans 8-0-46-1; Oram 8-0-35-0; Bates 8-0-37-0; Tolley 4-0-28-0; Franks 8-1-46-2; Afzaal 2-0-21-0; Bowman 2-0-12-0.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
G E Welton b Weekes 68
U Afzaal c Bloomfield b Fraser 9
M P Dowman b Fay 1
*P Johnson c Fraser b Weekes 100
M A Ole b Weekes 24
C M Tolley run out 5
†W M Noon not out 8
K P Evans b Weekes 0
R T Bates not out 3
Extras (lb8, w6) 14
Total (for 7, 40 overs) 230
Falls: 27, 48, 146, 208, 216, 221, 223.
Did not bat: P J Franks, A R Oram.
Bowlings: Fraser 8-3-21-1; Fay 8-0-27-1; Dutch 4-0-36-0; Hewitt 4-0-25-0; Bloomfield 8-0-62-0; Weekes 8-0-51-4.

WORCESTERSHIRE 0
DERBYSHIRE 4

Worcester: Derbyshire won by five wickets.

WORCESTERSHIRE
*T M Moody c Cassar b Harris 112
T S Curtis b Clarke 31
G A Hick c Tweats b Harris 35
G R Haynes not out 23
D A Leatherdale not out 0
Extras (b4, lb3, w7) 14
Total (for 3, 40 overs) 215
Fall of wickets: 74, 153, 207.
Did not bat: V S Solanki, S R Lampitt, †S J Rhodes, R K Illingworth, W P C Weston, M M Mirza.
Bowlings: DeFreitas 8-0-61-0; Aldred 8-0-29-0; Clarke 6-0-33-1; Cork 7-0-44-0; Harris 8-0-45-2; Cassar 3-0-27-0.

DERBYSHIRE
D G Cork c Hick b Moody 13
*P A J DeFreitas c Rhodes b Moody 30
T A Tweats st Rhodes b Illingworth 19
K J Barnett run out 41
V P Clarke not out 69
I Blackwell lbw b Leatherdale 9
†K M Krikken not out 11
Extras (lb14, w6, nb2) 24
Total (for 5, 38.4 overs) 216
Fall of wickets: 40, 54, 95, 182, 198.
Did not bat: M E Cassar, S J Lacey, A J Harris, P Aldred.
Bowlings: Haynes 5-0-34-0; Mirza 7-0-42-0; Moody 8-0-29-2; Lampitt 6-0-34-0; Illingworth 5-0-30-1; Leatherdale 4.4-0-33-1.

SURREY 4
LANCASHIRE 0

The Oval: Surrey won by five wickets.

LANCASHIRE
*M Watkinson c Amin b Hollioake 15
M A Atherton b Butcher 30
J P Crawley c Butcher b Benjamin 2
N H Fairbrother b Hollioake 64
G D Lloyd c Butcher b Amin 41
I D Austin c Ratcliffe b Amin 11
†W K Hegg st Stewart b Salisbury 17
G Yates not out 5
G Chapple b Salisbury 0
P J Martin not out 1
Extras (lb17, w5, nb4) 27
Total (for 8, 40 overs) 206
Fall of wickets: 28, 30, 78, 158, 178, 189, 205, 205.
Did Not Bat: G Keedy.
Bowlings: Hollioake 8-0-46-2; Benjamin 8-0-27-1; Ratcliffe 8-0-24-0; Butcher 8-0-24-1; Amin 8-0-43-2; Salisbury 8-0-22-2.

SURREY
M A Butcher lbw b Austin 0
A D Brown c Yates b Austin 6
B C Hollioake run out 61
*†A J Stewart not out 67
D J Bicknell c Hegg b Austin 21
J D Ratcliffe b Watkinson 7
R Shahid not out 16
Extras (b3, lb12, w17) 32
Total (for 5, 37.1 overs) 210
Fall of wickets: 1, 32, 133, 172, 189.
Did not bat: I J Ward, J E Benjamin, I D K Salisbury, R M Amin.
Bowlings: Austin 8-1-25-3; Martin 2-0-16-0; Chapple 8-0-40-0; Keedy 5.1-0-47-0; Yates 8-0-38-0; Watkinson 6-0-31-1.
Umpires: A Clarkson and P Willey.

YORKSHIRE 4
KENT 0

Headingley: Yorkshire won by seven wickets.

KENT
T R Ward c Blakey b Hamilton 41
E T Smith c McGrath b Fisher 20
A P Wells c Blakey b Hamilton 10
G R Cowdrey st Blakey b Fisher 1
N J Liong c Lehmann b Hamilton 1
M A Ealham b Vaughan 21
M V Fleming c Sidebottom b Morris 8
P A Strang c Byas b Sidebottom 36
*†S A Marsh not out 16
Extras (lb8, w8, nb16) 31
Total (for 8, 40 overs) 185
Fall of wickets: 57, 74, 83, 88, 83, 122, 124, 185.
Did not bat: A P Iggleden, J B D Thompson.
Bowlings: Hartley 7-0-41-0; Sidebottom 7-0-41-1; Fisher 8-0-23-2; Hamilton 8-0-30-3; Vaughan 8-0-21-1; Morris 5-0-20-1.

YORKSHIRE
A McGrath c Liong b Thompson 9
M P Vaughan lbw b Iggleden 49
D S Lehmann not out 78
*D Byas c Marsh b Fleming 0
B Parker not out 39
Extras (b2, lb3, w7) 12
Total (for 3, 29.4 overs) 187
Fall of wickets: 14, 139, 140.
Did not bat: G M Hamilton, †R J Blakey, A C Morris, P J Hartley, R J Sidebottom, I Fisher.
Bowlings: Iggleden 8-0-43-1; Thompson 5.4-0-37-1; Ealham 5-0-30-0; Strang 5-0-19-0; Fleming 6-0-34-1; Liong 5-0-25-0.
Umpires: H D Bird and B J Meyer.

Sahara Cup

Toronto (first match of five): India 208 (Mohammad Azharuddin 52; Saqlain Mushtaq 5-46). Pakistan 198 (Salim Malik 64; Kuruvilla 2-27, Ganguly 2-27). India won by 20 runs. (Second match): Pakistan 115 (Mohanty 3-16).

DURHAM 0
SOMERSET 4

Chester-le-Street: Somerset won by seven wickets.

DURHAM
J E Morris c Holloway b Burns 7
S Hutton c Ahmed b Burns 1
†M P Speight lbw b Mushtaq 60
*D C Boon c Turner b Trott 35
J J B Lewis c Caddick b Mushtaq 57
N J Speak run out 24
J Wood b Caddick 0
J Boiling not out 10
N Killeen c Lathwell b Caddick 0
S J E Brown not out 4
Extras (lb2, w7, nb6) 17
Total (for 8, 40 overs) 206
Fall of wickets: 8, 13, 67, 145, 181, 184, 191, 192.
Did not bat: A Walker.
Bowlings: Rose 8-0-35-0; Burns 8-0-35-2; Caddick 8-0-38-2; Trott 4-0-29-1; Trescothick 2-0-16-0; Mushtaq 8-0-36-2; Bowler 2-0-16-0.

SOMERSET
M Burns c Boiling b Brown 7
P C L Holloway c Speight b Wood 2
S C Ecclestone not out 96
*P D Bowler c Morris b Killeen 19
M N Lathwell not out 57
Extras (b2, lb15, w7, nb6) 30
Total (for 3, 35.4 overs) 211
Fall of wickets: 8, 31, 80.
Did not bat: †R J Turner, M E Trescothick, G D Rose, A R Caddick, Mushtaq Ahmed, B J Trott.
Bowlings: Brown 6-0-42-1; Wood 8-0-29-1; Killeen 8-0-38-1; Walker 6-2-20-0; Boiling 7.4-0-50-0.
Umpires: J D Bond and J W Holder.

GLAMORGAN 0
ESSEX 4

Cardiff: Essex won by six wickets.

GLAMORGAN
A W Evans c D R Law b Bott 5
W L Law b Ilott 3
A Dale c Napier b Such 62
*P A Cottey c Hyam b D R Law 40
M J Powell b D R Law 20
G P Butcher b Such 17
†A D Shaw run out 1
S D Thomas b Such 0
A P Davies b Such 3
D A Cosker c Prichard b Such 0
O T Parkin not out 1
Extras (lb6, w5) 11
Total (38 overs) 163
Fall of wickets: 8, 22, 97, 139, 152, 164, 164, 166, 167.
Bowlings: Cowan 6-0-16-0; Ilott 7-1-21-2; Such 7-0-29-5; Napier 4-0-31-0; Grayson 6-0-35-0; D R Law 8-0-29-2.

ESSEX
*P J Prichard b Thomas 31
S G Law c Dale b Davies 59
N Hussain not out 45
R C Irani b Davies 2
A P Grayson b Cosker 9
D R Law not out 14
Extras (lb2, w7) 9
Total (for 4, 32 overs) 169
Fall of wickets: 76, 108, 112, 127.
Did not bat: G Napier, †S J Rhodes, A P Cowan, M C Ilott, P M Such.
Bowlings: Thomas 7-0-34-1; Parkin 5-0-45-0; Cosker 8-0-35-1; Davies 8-0-25-2; Butcher 4-0-26-0.
Umpires: J H Harris and R Julian.

League Table

	P	W	L	D	Nr	Pts
Warks (4)	17	13	4	0	0	52
Kent (10)	17	12	4	0	1	50
Lancs (9)	17	10	4	1	2	46
Leics (12)	17	9	5	1	2	42
Surrey (1)	17	9	5	0	3	42
Som (5)	17	9	6	0	2	40
Essex (17)	17	9	6	1	1	40
Worcs (8)	17	8	6	1	2	38
Hants (6)	17	8	6	0	3	38
Yorks (3)	17	8	7	1	1	36
Glocs (15)	17	7	6	0	4	36
Notts (2)	17	7	7	0	3	34
Glam (13)	17	5	9	0	3	28
Derbys (11)	17	4	9	0	4	24
Hants (16)	17	5	11	0	1	22
Middx (7)	17	3	10	1	3	20
Durham (18)	17	3	13	0	1	14
Sussex (14)	17	2	13	0	2	12

1996 positions in brackets

Three-day match

Harare (first day of three): New Zealand 174 (Matambanadzo 3-44) v Mashonaland 72-0.

Starting today

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of three; today 10.30): Liverpool: Lancashire v Leicestershire.

Rugby League

Premiership: London 16, Sheffield 58

Dark-horse Eagles soar lately to rarefied peaks

Andy Wilson

SHEFFIELD EAGLES confirmed themselves as dark horses for the Premiership with a victory even more convincing than it was surprising.

The Eagles finished eighth in the Super League, six places below London, and lost 50-8 at home to the Broncos in July, but they have now won six out of seven matches since returning from Australia and the second phase of the World Club Championship. They are one victory away from becoming the first team from outside the top four to reach the final since it was switched to Old Trafford in 1987.

London now have three weeks of inactivity before their WCC quarter-final at home to Cronulla, and on the evidence of an abject second-half performance they are in for a tough time.

The kicking game of Mark Aston led Sheffield's assault, starting in the first minute as the scrum-half pinned Martin Offiah behind his own line. Within two tackles Rod Doyle and Paul Carr had combined for Keith Senior to score. Doyle added another in the 10th minute, before Shaun Edwards kept his side in touch with a try stemming from a Nick Mardon grubber kick. But the Broncos paid a high price for Edwards's 12th try of the season, as he sustained a knee injury that forced him to leave the field.

Paul Broadbent, the Eagles prop, marked his 300th appearance for the club by shrugging off Russell Bawden's attempted tackle to romp over from 20 yards before Senior added his second.

After the break Nick Pinkney, who had already overhauled Offiah from behind in cover defence, offered two more examples of his speed in grabbing a brace while Crowther, Whetu Taewa and the impressive Fijian full-back Waisale Sovatabua also crossed. In the final minutes Sheffield's Darren Turner was sin-binned and London's Robbie Beazley sent off for throwing a punch.

London Broncos: Mardon, Fatnowna, Martin, Barwick, Offiah, Beazley, Edwards, Mestrov, Matterson, Salter, Bawden, Hamilton, Gill. Substitutes: Dunford, Howard, Toby, Roskell.
Sheffield Eagles: Sovatabua, Pinkney, Senior, Morganson, Crowther, Wood, Aston, Broadbent, Lawless, Thompson, Turner, Carr, Doyle. Substitutes: Mycoe, McAllister, Laughton, Taewa.
Referee: S Presley (Castleford).

Equestrianism

Fox-Pitt lifts British to gold

BRITAIN led at all three stages to retain the European Open Horse Trials Championship at Burghley yesterday, *writes John Kerr*. The New Zealand team took the silver medals and Sweden the bronze.

Mary King on Star Appeal and Ian Stark on Arakal made two errors but, as in Saturday's cross-country, William Fox-Pitt and Cosmopolitan II produced a clear round to clinch the gold medal.

The individual winner was New Zealand's Mark Todd on Broadcast News, who climbed from sixth to first place after a masterly cross-country.

Fox-Pitt's third place gave Britain another medal. "I hope this proves that we're not so bad after all," he said in reference to the Olympic disappointments of Atlanta.

● Claire Smith, the Canadian rider who suffered head and suspected spinal injuries after a fall on Saturday, was "comfortable and making satisfactory progress" yesterday in a Nottingham hospital.

Sport in brief

Motorcycling

Michael Doohan of Australia broke Giacomo Agostini's 25-year-old record of 11 wins in a season when he held off the local riders Carlos Checa and Alex Criville to win the Catalunya Grand Prix in Spain yesterday.

Boxing

The undefeated Oscar De La Hoya retined his WBC welterweight title with a unanimous points victory over Hector Camacho of Puerto Rico in Los Angeles. The 24-year-old American scored the only knock-down in the ninth round.

Rallying

Despite a 100mph crash that tore a wheel off his Nissan, Mark Higgins took second place in the Manx Rally to win the British championship, *writes David Williams*. Higgins is the first Manxman to take the title.

Cycling

Switzerland's Alex Zülle took over the lead in the Tour of Spain yesterday after finishing fourth in the ninth stage, a 35km time trial.

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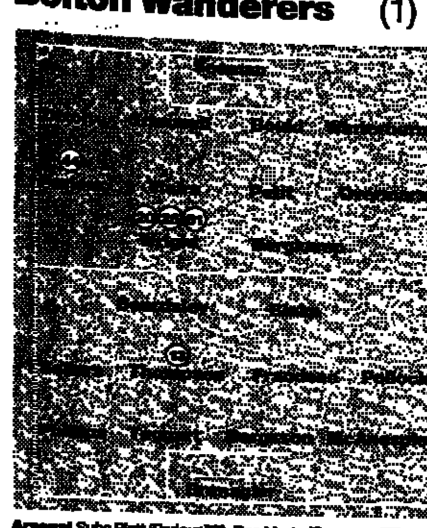
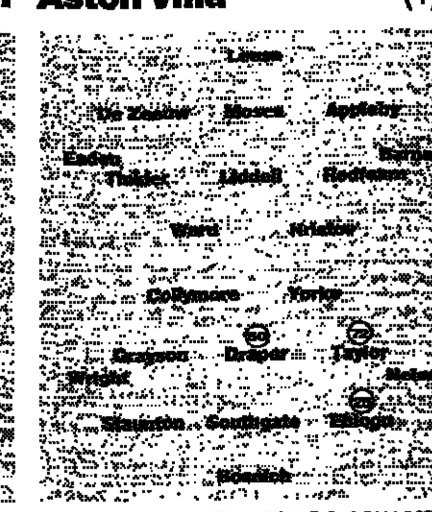
FA Carling Premiership

Arsenal (3) 4 Bolton Wanderers (1) 1



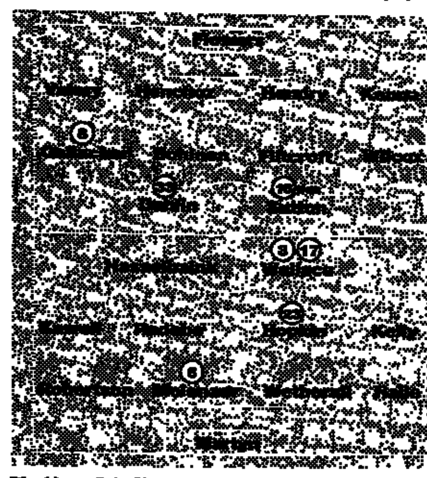
Arsenal *Subs* Platt (Parlour 77), Boa Morte (Overmars 77), Anelka (Wright 82), Manninger, Marshall. *Booked* Vieira.
Bolton *Subs* Todd (McAnespie 47), Gunnlaugsson (Beardsley 66), Johansen, Ward, Taylor. *Booked* Taggart.
Attendance 38,138 **Referee** N S Barry (Scunthorpe)

Barnsley (0) 0 Aston Villa (1) 3



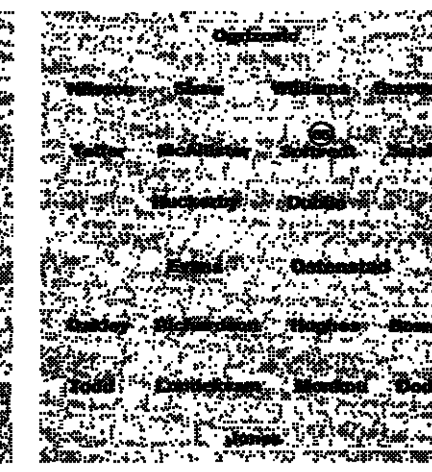
Barnsley *Subs* Sheridan (Tinkler 57), M Bullock (Liddell 65), Ten Heuvel (Hristov 69), Krizan, T Bullock.
Aston Villa *Subs* Scimeca (Staunton 76), Curcic (Taylor 79), Milosevic, Joachim, Oakes. *Booked* Taylor.
Attendance 18,649 **Referee** G P Barber (Pyrford)

Blackburn Rovers (3) 3 Leeds United (4) 4



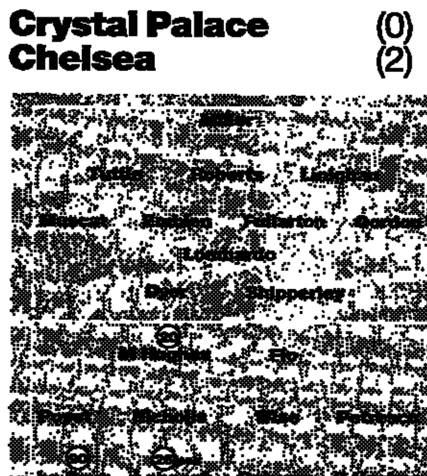
Blackburn *Subs* Sherwood (Bohinen 72), Duff (Wilcox 72) Andersson (Valery 81), Broomes, Fettis. *Booked* Henchoz.
Leeds *Subs* Ribeiro (Molenaar h-t), Lilley (Hasselbaink 80), Haaland, Bowyer, Beeney. *Booked* Hopkin, Molenaar, Robertson, Radebe, Ribeiro, Hasselbaink. *Sent off* Kewell (two bookings).
Attendance 21,956 **Referee** S W Dunn (Bristol)

Coventry City (0) 1 Southampton (0) 0



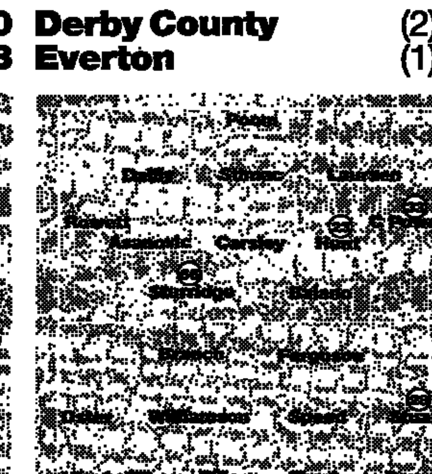
Coventry *Subs* Lightbourne, Boland, Hall, Johansen, Hedman. *Booked* Soltvedt, Williams.
Southampton *Subs* Davies (Ostenstad h-t), Johansen (Bowen 69), Neilson (Hughes 69), Maddison, Taylor. *Booked* Lundekvam.
Attendance 18,659 **Referee** U D Rennie (Sheffield)

Crystal Palace (0) 0 Chelsea (2) 3



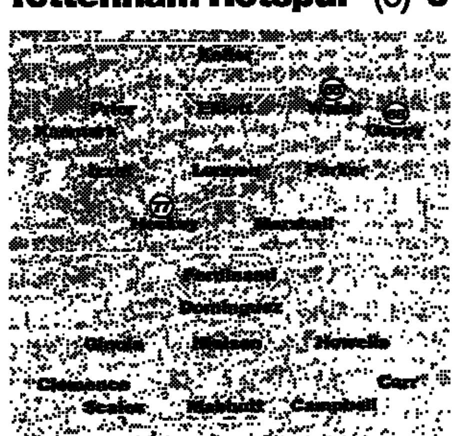
Crystal Palace *Subs* Freedman (Dyer 55), Zohar (Muscat 73), Veart (Emblen 83), Nash, Hreidarsson. *Booked* Lombardo, Tuttle, Muscat, Roberts.
Chelsea *Subs* Vialli, Hitchcock, Di Matteo, Granville, Zola. *Booked* M Hughes, Poyet.
Attendance 26,186 **Referee** G R Ashby (Worcester)

Derby County (2) 3 Everton (1) 1



Derby *Subs* Van der Laan (Laursen h-t), Trollope (Asanovic 60), D Powell (Hunt 90), Hoult, Simpson. *Booked* Rowett, Sturridge.
Everton *Subs* Cadamarteri (Branch 11), Barmby (Barrett 60), Gerrard, Grant, Farrelly. *Booked* Speed, Bilic, Oster, Cadamarteri, Stuart, Ferguson. *Sent off* Hinchcliffe (foul).
Attendance 27,828 **Referee** M A Riley (Leeds)

Leicester City (0) 3 Tottenham Hotspur (0) 0

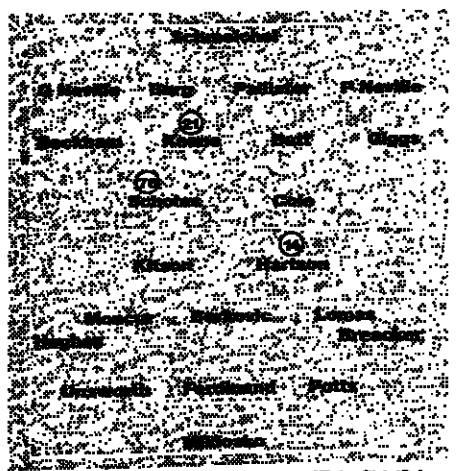


Leicester *Subs* Claridge (Marshall 73), Fenton (Guppy 88), Cottee (Kaamark 88), Andrews, Campbell.
Tottenham *Subs* Armstrong (Ferdinand h-t), Baardsen, Fox, Calderwood, Arber. *Booked* Campbell.
Attendance 20,683 **Referee** A B Wilkie (Chester-le-Street)

Liverpool (0) 2 Sheffield Wed (0) 1

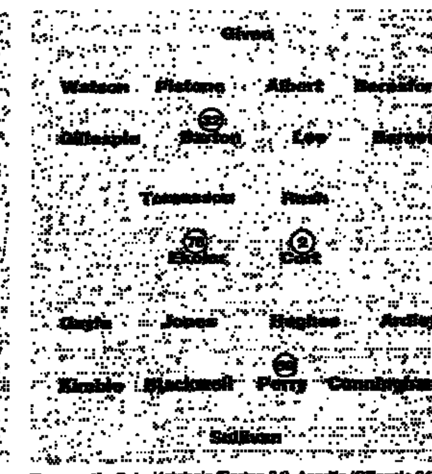
Liverpool *Subs* Matteo (Harkness 28), Berger (Riedle 73), McAteer (Jones 89), Warner, Murphy. *Booked* Ince.
Sheffield Wed *Subs* Briscoe (Nicol 88), Collins (Pembridge 73), Clarke, Stefanovic, Clough. *Booked* Atherton.
Attendance 34,705 **Referee** G Poll (Tring)

Manchester United (1) 2 West Ham United (1) 1



Manchester United *Subs* Poborsky (Giggs 67), McClair (Cole 89), Irwin, Van der Gouw, Clegg. *Booked* Berg.
West Ham *Subs* Lampard (Moncur 80), Sealey, Dowie, Terrier, Rowland. *Booked* Hughes, Hartson.
Attendance 55,068 **Referee** D R Elleray (Harrow)

Newcastle United (1) 1 Wimbledon (1) 3



Newcastle *Subs* Ketsbaia (Barton 64), Asprilla (Gillespie 64), Hislop, Peacock, Hughes. *Booked* Pistone.
Wimbledon *Subs* Castledine (Ardley 40), Thatcher (Gayle 64), Heald, Euell, Clarke. *Booked* Hughes, Gayle.
Attendance 36,526 **Referee** M D Reed (Birmingham)

Referees table

	Games	Yell	Red	Avg
Dunn	2	18	1	9.00
Durkin	3	18	0	6.00
Willard	3	18	2	6.00
Riley	3	14	1	4.67
Bodenham	3	13	0	4.33
Alcock	2	8	0	4.00
Barber	3	12	0	4.00
Rennie	2	8	0	4.00
Jones	3	11	0	3.67
Winter	3	11	1	3.67
Ashby	2	7	0	3.50
Barry	3	9	0	3.0
Reed	1	3	0	3.0
Wilkie	5	14	1	2.8

Top supporters

	High	Low	Ave
Man Utd	55,074	55,008	55,050
Aston Villa	39,027	37,112	38,070
Arsenal	38,138	37,324	37,855
Everton	40,079	34,356	36,717
Newcastle	36,783	36,526	36,573
Leeds	39,775	29,076	35,615
Liverpool	35,007	34,705	34,856
Chelsea	30,008	30,008	30,008
Sheff Wed	31,520	24,851	28,186
Derby	27,828	27,232	27,530
Tottenham	26,359	25,896	26,187
West Ham	25,354	24,516	24,935
Blackburn	30,187	19,816	23,830
Bolton	23,131	23,131	23,131

Prem goalscorers

7 Sutton (Blackburn).
6 Gallacher (Blackburn) Wright (Arsenal)
5 Bergkamp (Arsenal).
4 Carbone (Sheff Wed) Hartson (West Ham) Vialli (Chelsea) Wallace (Leeds).
3 Blake (Bolton) Dublin (Coventry) Ferdinand (Tottenham) Petrescu (Chelsea) Asprilla (Newcastle) Beresford (Newcastle)

FA Carling Premiership

	P	Home W	D	L	F	A	Away W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Forthcoming fixtures
Man Utd	6	3	0	0	6	1	2	1	0	4	0	9	16	20.9 Bolton (a); 24.9 Chelsea (h); 27.9 Leeds (a); 4.10 Crystal Palace (h).
Blackburn	6	2	1	1	12	7	2	0	0	6	1	10	13	20.9 Tottenham (a); 24.9 Leicester (a); 27.9 Coventry (h); 4.10 Wimbledon (a).
Chelsea	5	1	0	0	4	2	3	0	1	13	3	12	12	20.9 Arsenal (h); 24.9 Man Utd (a); 27.9 Newcastle (h); 4.10 Liverpool (a).
Arsenal	6	2	1	0	6	1	1	2	0	7	5	7	12	20.9 Chelsea (a); 23.9 West Ham (h); 27.9 Everton (a); 4.10 Barnsley (h).
Leicester	6	2	2	0	7	3	1	0	1	2	2	4	11	20.9 Leeds (a); 24.9 Blackburn (h); 27.9 Barnsley (a); 4.10 Derby (h).
West Ham	6	2	0	0	5	2	1	1	2	5	6	2	10	20.9 Newcastle (h); 23.9 Arsenal (a); 27.9 Liverpool (h); 4.10 Southampton (a).
Liverpool	5	1	0	1	3	3	1	2	0	4	2	2	8	20.9 Southampton (a); 24.9 Aston Villa (h); 27.9 West Ham (a); 4.10 Chelsea (h).
Coventry	6	2	2	0	7	5	0	0	2	0	5	-3	8	20.9 Sheff Wed (a); 24.9 Crystal Palace (h); 27.9 Blackburn (a); 4.10 Leeds (h).
Leeds	6	0	1	2	1	5	2	0	1	7	5	-2	7	20.9 Leicester (h); 24.9 Southampton (a); 27.9 Man Utd (h); 4.10 Coventry (a).
Tottenham	6	2	0	1	4	4	0	1	2	1	5	-4	7	20.9 Blackburn (h); 23.9 Bolton (a); 27.9 Wimbledon (h); 4.10 Newcastle (a).
Derby	4	2	0	0	4	1	0	0	2	0	2	1	6	20.9 Aston Villa (a); 24.9 Sheff Wed (a); 27.9 Southampton (h); 4.10 Leicester (a).
Newcastle	3	2	0	1	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	20.9 West Ham (a); 24.9 Everton (h); 27.9 Chelsea (a); 4.10 Tottenham (h).
Aston Villa	6	1	0	1	1	4	1	0	3	5	5	-3	6	20.9 Derby (h); 24.9 Liverpool (a); 27.9 Sheff Wed (h); 4.10 Bolton (a).
Crystal Palace	6	0	0	3	1	6	2	0	1	4	2	-3	6	20.9 Wimbledon (a); 24.9 Coventry (a); 27.9 Bolton (h); 4.10 Man Utd (a).
Barnsley	6	1	0	3	3	12	1	0	1	1	1	-9	6	20.9 Everton (a); 23.9 Wimbledon (a); 27.9 Leicester (h); 4.10 Arsenal (a).
Wimbledon	5	0	2	1	2	4	1	0	1	4	4	-2	5	20.9 Crystal Palace (h); 23.9 Barnsley (h); 27.9 Tottenham (a); 4.10 Blackburn (h).
Bolton	5	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	5	8	-3	5	20.9 Man Utd (h); 23.9 Tottenham (h); 27.9 Crystal Palace (a); 4.10 Aston Villa (h).
Everton	5	1	0	2	3	5	0	1	1	1	3	-4	4	20.9 Barnsley (h); 24.9 Newcastle (a); 27.3 Arsenal (h); 4.10 Sheff Wed (a).
Sheff Wed	6	1	0	1	2	3	0	1	3	5	12	-8	4	20.9 Coventry (h); 24.9 Derby (h); 27.9 Aston Villa (a); 4.10 Everton (h).
Southampton	6	1	0	2	2	4	0	0	3	2	6	-6	3	20.9 Liverpool (h); 24.9 Leeds (h); 27.9 Derby (a); 4.10 West Ham (h).

Nationwide League

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bradford	7	4	2	1	11	9	14
Swindon	7	4	2	1	9	5	14
West Brom	7	4	2	1	8	6	14
Birmingham	6	4	1	1	11	3	13
Nottm Forest	7	4	1	2	11	5	13
Sunderland	7	4	0	3	12	8	12
Wolverhampton	7	3	2	2	10	8	11
Sheff Utd	5	3	2	0	5	1	11
Bury	7	2	4	1	7	7	10
QPR	6	3	1	2	7	8	10
Portsmouth	6	2	2	2	11	10	8
Middlesbrough	5	2	2	1	7	5	8
Stoke	6	2	2	2	4	5	8
Charlton	5	2	1	2	7	8	7
Port Vale	6	2	1	3	7	8	7
Norwich	6	2	1	3	4	9	7
Oxford Utd	7	2	0	5	10	11	6
Man City	6	1	3	2	9	10	6
Crewe	5	2	0	3	8	9	6
Ipswich	5	1	3	1	6	6	6
Tranmere	7	1	1	5	5	12	4
Reading	7	1	1	5	4	12	4
Stockport	7	0	3	4	7	11	3
Huddersfield	6	0	3	3	4	8	3

Birmingham (0)0 **Sunderland** (0)1
Gray 72
Birmingham Bennett, Wassall, Grainger, Bruce (Johnson 64), Ablett, O'Connor (Holland 80), Devlin, McCarthy, Furlong, Hughes, Ndlovu (Francis 72).
Sunderland Perez, Makin, Williams, Clark, Ball, Melville, Johnston, Ord, Smith (Rae 88). Phillips (Mullin 53), Gray. Subs (not used): Bracewell.
Att: 17,478. **Ref:** J A Kirkby (Sheffield).

Bradford (1)2 **Middlesbro** (1)2
Steiner 16, Edinho 62 — Kinder 42, Ormerod 77
Bradford City Prudhoe, Wilder, Jacobs, Beagrie, Youds, Dreyer, Lawrence, Ramage, Steiner, Edinho, Murray. Subs (not used): Blake, Sundgot, Pepper.
Middlesbrough Roberts, Fleming, Kinder, Vickers, Liddle, Emerson (Beck 69), Ormerod, Mustoe, Campbell, Merson, Townsend. Subs (not used): Summerbell, Freestone.
Att: 17,757. **Ref:** G Singh (Wolverhampton).

Huddersfld (1)2 **Ipswich** (0)2
Jenkins 41, Dyer 88 — Edmondson 85 (og), Dyer 90
Huddersfield Town Francis, Jenkins, Martin, Dyson, Morrison (Edmondson 46), Beresford (Dalton 67), Baldry, Makel, Stewart, Facey (Dyer 67), Burnett.
Ipswich Town Wright, Stockwell, Taricco, Williams, Venus, Swailes, Dyer, Holland, Stein, Mathie (Petta 75), Sonner. Subs (not used): Milton, Mowbray.
Att: 9,313. **Ref:** D Pugh (Wirral).

Norwich (0)1 **Port Vale** (0)0
Fleck 59
Norwich City Marshall, Jackson, Newman, Grant, Sutch, Polston, Adams, Fleck (Bellamy 83), Roberts (Coot 45), Milligan, Forbes. Sub (not used): Fleming.
Port Vale Musselwhite, Hill, Tankard, Talbot, Aspin, Snijders, Jansson (Ainsworth 78), Porter, Mills, Naylor, Foyle. Subs (not used): Bogie, Stokes.
Att: 11,289. **Ref:** S J Baines (Chesterfield).

Portsmth (0)2 **Crewe** (1)3
Aloisi 70, 73 — Rivers 1, Anthrobus 67, Adebola 85
Portsmouth Flahavan, Pethick, Russell, McLoughlin (Waterman 58), Whitbread, Perrett, Hillier, Turner, Aloisi, Svensson (Durnin 45), Igoe (Allen 82).
Crewe Alexandra Kearton, Bignott, S. Smith, Unsworth, Watts, Charnock, Lunt, Rivers (Little 73), Adebola, Johnson, Anthrobus (P. Smith 79), Little (Lightfoot 88).
Att: 9,505. **Ref:** P Taylor (Cheshunt).

Q.P.R. (1)2 **W.B.A.** (0)0
Sheron 15, Peacock 75
QPR Harper, Rose (Ready 45), Brevett, Quashie, Maddix, Morrow, Spencer, Peacock, Murray, Sheron, Sinclair. Subs (not used): Barker, Slade.
WBA Miller, Holmes, Nicholson, Sneekes, Burgess, Raven, Flynn (Hamilton 52), Butler (Dobson 89), Thomas (Kilbane 65), Hunt, Smith.
Att: 14,399. **Ref:** M E Pierce (Portsmouth).

Reading (1)2 **Oxford** (1)1
Asaba 21, Hodges 81 — Jemson 2
Reading Mautone, Bernal, Sandford, Robins, McPherson, Primus, Parkinson, Hodges, Asaba (Roach 78), Meaker, Lambert (Swales 77). Sub (not used): Smith.
Oxford United Jackson, Remy, Angel, Robinson, Whelan (Wilsterman 65), Gilchrist, Ford, Smith, Aldridge (Banger 65), Jemson, Beauchamp (Massey 77).
Att: 8,003. **Ref:** S G Bennett (Redhill).

Sheff Utd (0)1 **Nottm For** (0)0
Taylor 78
Sheffield United Tracey, Borbokis, Quinn, McGrath, Tiler, Holdsworth, Patterson, Marker (Nilsen 51), Fjortoft (Walker 75), Scott (Taylor 70), Whitehouse.
Nottingham Forest Beasant, Lyttle (Saunders 81), Rogers, Hjelde, Chettle, Thomas (Bonalair 34), Johnson, Gemmill, Van Hooijdonk, Campbell, Bart-Williams. Sub (not used): Armstrong.
Att: 24,536. **Ref:** E Lomas (Manchester).

Stoke (1)2 **Stockport** (0)1
Wallace 26, Thorne 50 — Mutch 48
Stoke City Muggleton, Pickering, Griffin, Sigurdsson, Tweed, Keen, Forsyth, Wallace, Thorne, Stewart (Andrade 77), Kavanagh (McMahon 83). Sub (not used): Whittle.
Stockport Nixon, Connelly, Woodthorpe, Bennett, McIntosh, Gannon, Durkan (Richardson 83), Marsden, Angell (Grant 74), Mutch, Cooper. Sub (not used): Searle.
Att: 11,743. **Ref:** B Coddington (Sheffield).

Swindon (1)2 **Tranmere** (1)1
Walters 14, Casper 64 — L. Jones 43
Swindon Town Digby, Darras, Borrows, Bullock, Casper, McDonald, Walters (Watson 80), Drysdale, Hay (Finney 75), Allison, Gooden. Sub (not used): Smith.
Tranmere Rovers Coyne, Stevens, Thompson, McGreal, Thorn, O'Brien, Morrissey (Branch 75), Cook, Kelly, G. Jones, L. Jones. Subs (not used): Aldridge, Irons.
Att: 6,811. **Ref:** M C Bailey (Impington).

Wolves (3)3 **Charlton** (0)1
Froggatt 26, Bull 35, 9 — Chapple 72
Wolverhampton Wanderers Stowell, Smith, Kubicki (Wright 83), Atkins, Coleman, Robinson, Keane, Ferguson, Bull, Paatelainen, Froggatt. Subs (not used): Foley, Westwood.
Charlton Athletic Petterson, Brown, Barness, K. Jones (Nicholls 78), Chapple, Balmer, Mortimer (Lisbie 76), Kinsella, Robinson, Mendonca, S. Jones (Leaburn 80).
Att: 22,583. **Ref:** K M Lynch (Knaresborough).

Leading goalscorers (total): 7 Van Hooijdonk (Nottm Forest). 5 Aloisi (Portsmouth); Bull (Wolverhampton); Johnson (Bury); Mills (Port Vale).

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier: Colwyn Bay 0 Boston Utd 3; Runcorn 1 Altrincham 0. **Leading standings:** 1 Boston Utd P7, Pts12; 2 Barrow 6–11; 3 Altrincham 6–10. **First:** Bradford PA 4 Buxton 1; Eastwood Tn 1 Flixton 1; Trafford 1 Congleton Tn 3.
DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Midland: Evesham Utd 0 Wisbech Tn 1. **Southern:** Cirencester Tn 1 Fareham Tn 0; Trowbridge Tn 2 Yate Tn 1.
N-W COUNTIES LEAGUE: First: Atherton LR 2 Vauxhall GM 2; Glossop NE 3 Blackpool Rvrs 1; Haslingden 2 Chadderton 1; Holker OB 0 Ramsbottom Utd 1; Nantwich Tn 0 Prescot Cables 4; Salford C 1 Kidsgrove Ath 2.
FA WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE: National: Bradford 1 Arsenal 3; Everton 1 Croydon 0; Liverpool 0 Millwall 0; Tranmere R 0 Doncaster 2; Wembley 0 Berkhamsted 2.
POOLS CHECK: Half-time: Score draws (total 8): 8, 9, 10, 15, 18, 33. **No-score draws** (11): 3, 6, 7, 12, 16, 21, 25, 26, 28, 47, 49. **Full-time: Score draws** (6): 10, 11, 20, 24, 43, 47. **No-score draws** (2): 25, 26.

Nationwide League

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Watford	7	6	0	1	11	5	18
Chesterfield	7	4	2	1	10	6	14
Northampton	7	4	2	1	9	5	14
Oldham	7	3	3	1	10	8	12
Bristol Rovers	7	3	3	1	9	5	12
Bournemouth	7	3	2	2	9	6	11
Preston	7	3	2	2	8	5	11
Gillingham	7	3	2	2	7	7	11
Fulham	7	3	2	2	6	5	11
Wycombe	7	3	1	3	14	14	10
Wigan	7	3	1	3	12	10	10
York	7	3	1	3	9	9	10
Millwall	5	3	0	2	11	6	9
Blackpool	7	3	0	4	9	15	9
Brentford	7	2	2	3	7	10	8
Wrexham	6	2	1	3	10	10	7
Bristol City	6	2	1	3	8	7	7
Carlisle	7	2	1	4	8	11	7
Southend	7	2	1	4	8	13	7
Grimsby	7	1	4	2	6	8	7
Luton	7	1	3	3	3	6	6
Walsall	7	1	2	4	6	11	5
Plymouth	7	0	5	2	5	8	5
Burnley	7	0	3	4	1	8	3

Bournemth (0)1 **Luton** (1)1
O'Neill 83 — Marshall 43
AFC Bournemouth Glass, Young, Vincent, Rolling (Howe 85), Cox, Bailey, Beardsmore, Robinson, Tomlinson (Murray 83), Fletcher, O'Neill. Sub (not used): Harrington.
Luton Town K. Davies, McGowan, Small, Waddock, Davis, Johnson, S. Davies (Evers 68), McLaren, Oldfield, Douglas (Doherty 77), Marshall. Sub (not used): Peake.
Att: 4,561. **Ref:** C R Wilkes (Gloucester).

Bristol R (0)1 **Gillingham** (0)2
Hayles 52 — Butler 77, Akinbiyi 80
Bristol Rovers Collett, Perry, Pritchard, Penrice, Gayle, Tillson, Holloway, Ramasut, Beadle (Alsop 84), Cureton (Bennett 86), Hayles. Sub (not used): White.
Gillingham Moss, Ratcliffe, Butters, Smith, Ashby, Bryant (Bailey 56), Hessenthaler, Statham, Butler, Akinbiyi, Ndah (Fortune-West 55). Sub (not used): Green.
Att: 6,572. **Ref:** P S Danson (Leicester).

Fulham (0)0 **Grimsby** (1)2
Livingstone 23, 89
Fulham Walton, Lawrence, Herrera, Cullip, Smith, Blake (Thomas 61), Newhouse (Scott 61), Hayward, Moody, Morgan, Brooker. Sub (not used): Carpenter.
Grimsby Town Pearcey, Butterfield (McDermott 63), Gallimore, Handyside, Lever, Holsgrove, Donovan, Black, Nogan (Lester 55), Livingstone, Groves. Sub (not used): Gilbert.
Att: 6,574. **Ref:** R Styles (Waterlooville).

Millwall (0)3 **Southend** (1)1
Newman 54, Sadlier 68, Hockton 90 — Boere 18
Millwall Carter, Brown, Sturgess, Bowry, Law, McLeary, Allen, Newman, Hockton, Grant (Doyle 27), Savage (Sadlier 24). Sub (not used): Webber.
Southend Royce, Harris, Hails, Marsh, Roget, Dublin (Byrne 70), Jones, Gridelet, Boere (Rammell 77), Williams, Clarke. Sub (not used): Beeston.
Att: 5,609. **Ref:** C T Finch (Bury St Edmonds).

Oldham (2)2 **Northmptn** (1)2
Graham 12, McNiven 35 — Seal 7, Hunter 65 (pen)
Oldham Athletic Pollitt, Redmond, Serrant, Graham, Sinnott, Hodgson, McNiven (Orlygsson 80), Wright, McCarthy, Barlow (Allott 89), Reid. Sub (not used): Innes.
Northampton Town Woodman, Clarkson, Frain, Sampson, Warburton, Brightwell, Parrish, Peer (Heggs 49), Seal (Wilson 89), Gayle, Hunter. Sub (not used): Gibb.
Att: 5,829. **Ref:** G B Frankland (Middlesbro).

Plymouth (0)0 **Brentford** (0)0
Plymouth Argyle Sheffield, Bilby, Williams, Mauge, Heathcote, Wotton, Barlow, Logan, Littlejohn, Jean (Illman 75), Wilson. Subs (not used): Anthony, Collins.
Brentford Dearden, Hurdle, Anderson, Hutchings, Bates, Oatway, Denys (Bryan 81), Canham, Bent, Rapley, Taylor. Subs (not used): Goddard, Benstead.
Att: 4,393. **Ref:** M J Brandwood (Lichfield).

Preston (0)0 **Walsall** (0)0
Preston North End Mollanen, Parkinson, Barrick, Appleton, Jackson, Gregan, Cartwright, Ashcroft, Reeves (Kidd 71), Nogan (Macken 63), Rankine. Sub (not used): Darby.
Walsall Walker, Evans, Rogers, Viveash, Mountfield, Peron, Boli, Skinner, Platt (Ricketts 78), Keates, Hodge. Subs (not used): Thomas, Ryder.
Att: 9,092. **Ref:** G Laws (Whitley Bay).

Watford (1)2 **Chesterfld** (0)1
Rosenthal 44, Lee 82 — Willis 82
Watford Chamberlain, Gibbs, Kennedy, Page, Palmer, Mooney, Noel-Williams, Hyde, Lee, Johnson, Rosenthal. Subs (not used): Slater, Easton, Andrews.
Chesterfield Mercer, Hewitt, Jules (Beaumont 45), Curtis, Williams, Breckin, Willis, Holland, Lormor, Howard (Wilkinson 73), Perkins. Sub (not used): Gaughan.
Att: 11,204. **Ref:** S W Mathieson (Stockport).

Wigan (0)3 **Blackpool** (0)0
Johnson 48, Lowe 62, 82
Wigan Athletic Butler, Green, Johnson, Greenall, McGibbon, Martinez (Rogers 71), Lee, Jones (Saville 71), O'Connell, Sharp, Lowe. Sub (not used): Lancashire.
Blackpool Banks, Bryan, Lydiate, Brabin (Philpott 65), Carlisle, Clarkson, Bonner, Mellon, Bent (Quinn 56), Ellis, Preece. Sub (not used): Robinson P.
Att: 5,517. **Ref:** A R Leake (Darwen).

Wrexham (1)2 **Bristol City** (0)1
Spink 13, Watkin 80 — Goater 68
Wrexham Marriott, McGregor, Hardy, Phillips, Humes (Jones 31), Carey, Skinner, Owen, Connolly, Spink (Watkin 60), Brammer. Sub (not used): Wainwright.
Bristol C Welch, Tisdale, Bell, Paterson, Taylor, Edwards (Goodridge 55), Hewlett (Carey 45), Owers, Goater, Cramb (Torpey 46), Tinnion.
Att: 3,251. **Ref:** A Bates (Stoke-on-Trent).

Wycombe (1)1 **Carlisle** (2)4
Cornforth 11 (pen) — Couzens 4, Jansen 39, 90, Archdeacon 75 (pen)
Wycombe Taylor, Kavanagh, Beeton (Cousins 45), Mohan, McCarthy, Harkin, Cornforth, Read, Stallard, McGavin (Simpson 75), Brown (Carroll 65).
Carlisle United Caig, Holloway, Archdeacon, Prokas, Varty, Pounewatchy, Barr, Couzens (Harrison 75), McAlindon, Jansen, Aspinall. Subs (not used): Sandwith, Milligan.
Att: 6,016. **Ref:** F G Stretton (Nottingham).

York (0)3 **Burnley** (1)1
Davis 62, Rowe 84, Tolson 82 — Barnes 12
York [illegible], McMillan, Hall, Bushell, Davis, Barras, Murty (Pouton 89), Tinkler, Tolson, Rowe (Bull 89), Stephenson. Sub (not used): Reed.
Burnley Beresford, Weller, Brass, Williams, Blatherwick, Howey, Matthew (Little 88), Ford, Cooke (Kiwomya 45), Barnes, Byrne. Sub (not used): Moore.
Att: 6,424. **Ref:** R D Furnandiz (Doncaster).

Leading goalscorers (total): 6 Seal (Northampton); Boli (Walsall); Taylor (Brentford); Jansen (Carlisle). 5 Boere (Southend); Goater (Bristol C); Hayles (Bristol Rvrs); Stallard (Wycombe); Spink (Wrexham).

ICIS LEAGUE: Premier: Boreham Wood 2 St Albans 3; Enfield 1 Dag & Red 2. **Leading standings:** 1 Sutton Utd P7, Pts15; 2 Kingstonian 7–15; 3 Chesham 7–14. **Second:** Northwood 3 Chalfont St Peter 1. **Third:** Epsom & Ewell 1 Tring Tn 2; Lewes 1 Hornchurch 2; Southall 0 Hemel Hempstead 7.
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier: Curzon Ashton 1 Hallam 1; Hatfield Main 1 Armthorpe Welf 0; Ossett Alb 2 Selby Tn 2; Maltby MW 0 Thackley 0; Pickering Tn 1 Glasshoughton Welf 3.
ULSTER CUP: First: Bangor 4 Larne 0; Carrick 2 Ballyclare 3; Limavady Utd 0 Distillery 2; Newry 4 Dungannon Swifts 1.

Nationwide League

THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Peterborough	7	4	2	1	18	7	14
Macclesfield	7	4	2	1	11	5	14
Notts County	7	4	2	1	11	6	14
Exeter	7	4	2	1	8	5	14
Cambridge Utd	7	4	1	2	14	10	13
Barnet	7	4	1	2	13	12	13
Scunthorpe	7	4	1	2	7	6	13
Cardiff	6	3	3	0	9	6	12
Leyton Orient	7	4	0	3	8	5	12
Colchester	7	3	2	2	11	11	11
Scarborough	7	3	2	2	9	8	11
Hartlepool	7	2	4	1	10	7	10
Lincoln	7	3	1	3	9	11	10
Chester	6	3	1	2	8	5	10
Rotherham	7	2	3	2	11	10	9
Swansea	7	3	0	4	11	15	9
Shrewsbury	7	2	1	4	9	12	7
Mansfield	7	2	1	4	8	7	7
Torquay	7	2	1	4	6	11	7
Rochdale	7	2	0	5	7	9	6
Darlington	7	1	2	4	7	10	5
Hull	7	1	1	5	7	14	4
Brighton	7	0	3	4	5	10	3
Doncaster	7	0	2	5	4	17	2

Brighton (0)0 **Darlington** (0)0
Brighton Ormerod, Smith, Tuck (Westcott 65), Allan, Morris, Johnson (McDonald 66), Storer, Mayo, Baird, Maskell, Reinelt. Sub (not used): Hobson.
Darlington Preece, Gray, Barnard, Bryden, Hope, Turnbull, Oliver, Davey, Roberts (Robinson 65), Brumwell, Naylor (Shutt 31), Robinson (Giamarra 67).
Att: 1,803. **Ref:** D R Crick (Worcester Park).

Cambridge (0)1 **Barnet** (1)3
Taylor 84 — Charlery 40, Devine 73, Heald 80
Cambridge United Barrett, Chenery, Wilson, Marc Joseph, Foster (Preece 78), Campbell, Wanless, Rees, Kyd (Williamson 65), Butler, Taylor. Sub (not used): Matthew Joseph.
Barnet Harrison, Stockley, Harle, Heald, Howarth, Ford, Goodhind, Simpson, Charlery (Samuels 68), Devine, Onwere. Subs (not used): Manuel, Wilson.
Att: 3,395. **Ref:** A D'Urso (Billericay).

Cardiff (1)2 **Rochdale** (1)1
White 40, Eckhardt 87 — Carter 10 (pen)
Cardiff City Hallworth, Jarman (Eckhardt 81), Beech, Young, Harris, Fowler, O'Sullivan, Stoker, Greenacre (Roberts 27), White, Partridge. Sub (not used): Carss.
Rochdale Key, Fensome, Barlow, Hill, Bayliss, Farrell, Bailey, Painter, Leonard, Carter (Stuart 83), Russell. Subs (not used): Gouck, Scott.
Att: 4,308. **Ref:** M J Jones (Chester).

Chester (1)2 **Shrewsbury** (0)0
Bennett 21, 88
Chester City Sinclair, Davidson, Jenkins, Woods (Richardson 59), Whelan, Alsford, Bennett, Priest, McDonald (Murphy 89), Flitcroft, Fisher. Sub (not used): Thomas.
Shrewsbury Town Edwards, Taylor (Seabury 78), Dempsey, Scott, Herbert, Wilding, Brown (Currie 65), Ward, Steele, Evans, Berkley. Sub (not used): Hanmer.
Att: 2,853. **Ref:** A N Butler (Sutton-in-Ashfield).

Hartlepool (1)3 **Torquay** (0)0
Baker 45, Cullen 48, Lee 55
Hartlepool United Harper, Knowles, Lucas, Ingram (Howard 65), Lee, Bradley, Barron, Cullen, Baker, Halliday (Elliot 83), Beech. Sub (not used): Tait.
Torquay United Veysey, Gurney, Gibbs, Robinson, Gittens, Watson, Clayton, Mitchell (Hill 50), Jack, Thomas, McCall. Subs (not used): Barrow, Bedeau.
Att: 1,927. **Ref:** M D Messias (York).

Hull (0)0 **Lincoln** (1)2
Thorpe 23, Fleming 76
Hull City Thomson, Lowthorpe, Trevitt (Dickinson 63), Wright, Brien, Dewhurst, Joyce, Peacock, Darby, Quigley, Fewings. Subs (not used): Wilson, Brown.
Lincoln City Vaughan, Barnett, Whitney, Fleming, Holmes, Austin, Thorpe, Miller, Stant, Brown, Alcide. Subs (not used): Bimson, Robertson, Stones.
Att: 4,736. **Ref:** W C Burns (Scarborough).

Leyton O (1)1 **Exeter** (0)0
Griffiths 22
L Orient Hyde, Colkin, Naylor, Smith, Hicks, Clark, Ling, Inglethorpe (Joseph 71), Griffiths (West 77), McGleish (Baker 77), Channing.
Exeter City Bayes, Gale (Williams 56), Cyrus (Holcroft 70), Blake, Curran, Richardson, Rowbotham, Minett, Flack, Gardner, Fry. Sub (not used): Baddeley.
Att: 4,036. **Ref:** P Rejer (Tipton).

Macclesfld (1)3 **Swansea** (0)0
Gardiner 42, Peel 88, Askey 66
Macclesfield Price, Tinson, Rose, Payne (Hitchen 11), Howarth, Sodje, Mitchell (Askey 57), Gardiner, Peel, Power (Landon 70), Sorvel.
Swansea City L. Jones, Price, Hills (Coates 57), Walker, Edwards, Agnew, Appleby, O'Gorman (Harris 70), Bird, Ampadu, Jenkins. Sub (not used): G. Jones.
Att: 2,478. **Ref:** A R Hall (Birmingham).

Notts Co (1)1 **Mansfield** (0)0
Martindale 23
Notts County Ward, Hendon, Pearce, Redmile, Strodder, Baraclough, Derry (Finnan 72), Robinson, Martindale (Dudley 79), Jones (White 58), Otto.
Mansfield Bowling, Ford, Harper, Watkiss (Clarke 49), Eustace, Hackett, Schofield, Sedgemore, Christie (Williams 90), Whitehall (Milner 79), Doolan.
Att: 6,708. **Ref:** G Cain (Bootle).

Rotherham (2)2 **Peterboro** (1)2
White 41, Thompson 45 — Carruthers 20, 72
Rotherham Mimms, Clark, Hurst, Thompson (Garner 89), Knill, Warner, Berry, Bass, White, Glover, Roscoe (Bos 82). Sub (not used): Scott.
Peterborough Tyler, Linton, Lewis, Payne, Bodley, Edwards, Farrell, Castle, Carruthers, Quinn, Houghton. Subs (not used): Cleaver, Billimore, McMenamin.
Att: 3,669. **Ref:** M S Pike (Barrow-in-Furness).

Sc'thorpe (1)1 **Doncaster** (1)1
Eyre 22 — McDonald 17
Scunthorpe United Clarke, Housham, McAuley, Sertori, Eyre, Hope, Walker, D'Auria, Ormondroyd (Walsh 63), Forrester, Calvo-Garcia (Lawe 81). Sub (not used): Shakespeare.
Doncaster Ingham, Ireland, Esdaille, Warren, Gore, Sanders (Ramsay 55), Cunningham, McDonald, Moncrieff, Pemberton, Mike. Subs (not used): Dobbin, Conlon.
Att: 3,378. **Ref:** M L Dean (Eastham).

Leading goalscorers (total): 9 Carruthers (Peterborough). 7 Christie (Mansfield). 6 Bennett (Chester); Quinn (Peterborough). 5 Bird (Swansea); Kyd (Cambridge Utd); Roberts (Darlington); Devine (Barnet); Griffiths (L Orient); Calvo-Garcia (Scunthorpe).

SCREWFIX DIRECT LEAGUE: Premier: Backwell Utd 0 Barnstaple Tn 1; Bridport 3 Keynsham Tn 5; Torrington 1 Elmore 1; Westbury Utd 0 Bristol MF 0.
FA PREMIER YOUTH LEAGUE: Arsenal 10 Coventry 1; Chelsea 3 Barnsley 0; C Palace 2 Middlesbrough 1; QPR 2 Nottm Forest 3; Southampton 2 Derby 0; Tottenham 1 Leeds 1; West Ham 5 Sheff Wed 3; Wimbledon 2 Sunderland 1.
S-E COUNTIES LEAGUE: League Cup: First round: Brentford 3 QPR 4; Bristol Rvrs 5 Bournemouth 0; Cambridge Utd 0 Arsenal 0 (Arsenal won 5–4 on pens); Colchester Utd 0 Charlton Ath 3; C Palace 2 Barnet 1; Gillingham 3 Ipswich 5; L Orient 1 Millwall 1 (L Orient won on pens); Oxford Utd 2 Watford 4; Reading 3 Wycombe 1; Southampton 1 Bristol C 2; Southend Utd 0 Luton 1; Swindon 1 Portsmouth 0; West Ham 8 Brighton 2; Wimbledon 1 Fulham 4. **First:** Tottenham 0 Norwich C 2.
LEAGUE OF WALES: Bangor C 2 Inter Cable-Tel 1; Barry Tn 10 Total Net Solutions 0; Caersws 4 Porthmadog 1; Carmarthen Tn 2 Connah's Quay 2; Cemaes Ynys Mon 4 Haverfordwest 0; Conwy 3 Newtown 1; Cwmbran 3 Welshpool 2; Flint Tn 0 Ebbw Vale 4; Rhyl 2 Rhayader Tn 0.

Scottish League

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hibernian	5	3	1	1	12	5	10
Hearts	5	3	0	2	9	7	9
Rangers	3	2	1	0	11	5	7
Dunfermline	5	2	1	2	8	11	7
Motherwell	4	2	0	2	7	5	6
Celtic	4	2	0	2	7	6	6
St Johnstone	5	1	2	2	5	7	5
Kilmarnock	3	1	1	1	2	5	4
Aberdeen	5	0	3	2	6	11	3
Dundee Utd	5	0	3	2	5	10	3

Dundee U (0)1 **Kilmarnk** (1)2
Olofsson 63 — Wright 15, 53 (pen)
Dundee Utd Dykstra, McKinnon (Easton 84), Malpas, Pressley, Perry, Pedersen, Olofsson, Zetterlund, McSwegan, Dolan (Marklund 61), Walker (McLaren 53).
Kilmarnock Meldrum, Montgomerie, Baker, Whitworth, McGowne, Reilly, Nevin (Bagan 76), Findlay, Wright (Roberts 79), Mitchell, Vareille (Vincent 89).
Att: 6,883. **Ref:** I Taylor (Edinburgh).

Hibernian (3)5 **Dunfrmline** (1)2
Charnley 26, 79, Lavety 31, Crawford 38, McGinlay 55 — Millar 16 (pen), Petrie 80
Hibernian Gottskalksson, Miller (McCaffrey 89), Boco, Charnley (Grant 85), Dods, Welsh, Dow, Lavety, Crawford, Rougier (Harper 85), McGinlay.
Dunfermline Ath Westwater, Shields, Millar, Tod, Barnett (Den Bieman 44), Curran, Moore (Petrie 45), Millar, Smith, French, Fleming (Bingham 70).
Att: 10,070. **Ref:** B Orr (Kilbarchan).

Motherwell (1)2 **Celtic** (0)3
Coyne 4, 59 — Burley 57, 75, Donnelly 81
Motherwell Woods, May, McMillan, Ross (Shivute 84), Martin, Denham, Weir, Valakari (McCulloch 46), Coyne, Falconer, Coyle. Sub (not used): Christie.
Celtic Gould, Boyd, Mahe, Wieghorst, Rieper, Stubbs, Larsson, Burley, Donnelly, Thom (McNamara 74), Blinker. Subs (not used): Hannah, O'Donnell.
Att: 11,550. **Ref:** M McCurry (Glasgow).

Rangers (1)3 **Aberdeen** (0)3
Negri 44 (pen), Albertz 55, Laudrup 76 — Newell 58, Dodds 64, Inglis 78
Rangers Snelders, Cleland (Albertz 45), Stensaas, Porrini, Moore, Vidmar, Gattuso, Gascoigne (Miller 71), Negri, Ferguson (McCoist 73), Laudrup.
Aberdeen Leighton, Rowson, Smith, Bernard, Inglis, O'Neil, Miller, Jess (Gillies 37), Newell (Windass 71), Dodds, Glass. Sub (not used): Kombouare.
Att: 50,030. **Ref:** H Dallas (Motherwell).

St Johnstn (0)1 **Hearts** (1)2
Tosh 70 — Hamilton 19, 65
St Johnstone Main, McQuillan, Davidson, Sekerlioglu (Farquhar 77), McCluskey, Griffin (Tosh 35), Scott, O'Neil (O'Halloran 82), Grant, O'Boyle, Preston.
Hearts Rousset, McManus, Pointon, Weir, Salvatori, Ritchie, McCann, Fulton, Hamilton (Robertson 86), Cameron (Locke 55), Adam. Sub (not used): Prall.
Att: 5,836. **Ref:** G Mitchell (Arbroath).

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dundee	5	4	1	0	11	3	13
Hamilton	5	3	1	1	9	4	10
St Mirren	5	2	1	2	8	7	7
Gr Morton	5	2	1	2	7	7	7
Falkirk	5	2	1	2	8	12	7
Raith	5	1	3	1	6	7	6
Stirling	5	1	2	2	8	10	5
Ayr	5	1	1	3	7	8	4
Airdrie	5	0	4	1	6	8	4
Partick	5	0	3	2	5	9	3

Ayr (0)1 **Dundee** (1)2
Henderson 61 — Annand 35, Anderson 75 (pen)
Att: 2,180. **Ref:** G Alison (Dumfries).

Falkirk (1)1 **Hamilton** (3)4
McGrillen 25 (pen) — Sherry 15, Quitongo 31, McFarlane 40, 78
Att: 2,539. **Ref:** A Freeland (Aberdeen).

Morton (0)1 **Airdrie** (0)1
Collins 85 — Cooper 60
Att: 2,327. **Ref:** A Gemmill (Linlithgow).

Partick (1)1 **Stirling A** (2)2
Adams 36 — Bone 24, McLaren 42
Att: 1,911. **Ref:** G Clyde (Bearsden).

Raith (0)2 **St Mirren** (0)1
L. Dair 63, Wright 76 — Mendes 90
Att: 3,311. **Ref:** I Elmslie (Portlethen).

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
East Fife	5	4	0	1	8	5	12
Livingston	5	3	2	0	8	3	11
Stenhousemuir	5	3	1	1	9	6	10
Clydebank	5	2	2	1	10	6	8
Stranraer	5	2	2	1	8	4	8
Forfar	5	2	0	3	6	10	6
Clyde	5	1	2	2	5	7	5
Brechin	5	1	1	3	7	13	4
Inverness CT	5	0	3	2	7	9	3
Queen of South	5	0	1	4	5	10	1

Brechin (0)0 **Livingston** (2)2
Forrest 20, Young 32
Att: 402. **Ref:** B McGarry (Cumbernauld).

Clydebank (1)1 **East Fife** (1)2
Murdoch 25 (pen) — Cusick 16, Ritchie 51
Att: 385. **Ref:** J McCluskey (Stewarton).

Clyde (1)2 **Stenhsmuir** (0)0
McStay 17, Brownlie 83
Att: 708. **Ref:** S Kaney (Perth).

Queen Sth (0)0 **Forfar** (0)1
McLauchlan 89
Att: 1,011. **Ref:** B Tait (East Kilbride).

Inverness CT (1)2 **Stranraer** (0)2
Shearer 7, Stewart 62 — Campbell 59, Docherty 65
Att: 1,571. **Ref:** W Young (Clarkston).

THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Alloa	5	4	0	1	10	3	12
Arbroath	5	3	1	1	12	6	10
Queen's Park	5	3	1	1	9	4	10
Ross County	5	3	1	1	11	7	10
Albion	5	3	0	2	10	13	9
East Stirling	5	2	0	3	4	7	6
Dumbarton	5	1	1	3	8	10	4
Berwick	5	1	1	3	7	10	4
Montrose	5	1	1	3	6	12	4
Cowdenbeath	5	1	0	4	1	6	3

Albion (1)2 **Dumbarton** (0)1
Trialist 45, Watters 78 — Britain 84
Att: 505. **Ref:** J Herald (Newton Mearns).

Alloa (2)6 **Montrose** (0)1
McKay 31, 38, Mathieson 60, Mailer 82 (og), Irvine 77 — McGlashan 85
Att: 403. **Ref:** K Toner (Glasgow).

Arbroath (0)2 **Ross Co** (0)2
Crawford 82, Cooper 90 (pen) — Wood 49, Bradshaw 71
Att: 644. **Ref:** K Bisset (Inverness).

Cowdnbth (1)1 **E.Stirling** (0)0
Stewart 44
Att: 194. **Ref:** S Roy (Westhill).

Queens Pk (0)0 **Berwick** (0)0
Att: 535. **Ref:** D Smith (Troon).

Non-League

CONFERENCE

Hereford	2	Northwich	2
Kidderminster	1	Stevenage	3
Morecambe	1	Hednesford	3
R & Diamonds	5	Farnborough	5
Stalybridge	1	Hayes	1
Woking	1	Southport	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Morecambe	7	5	1	1	16	8	16
Halifax	6	4	2	0	10	3	14
Southport	8	4	2	2	12	8	14
Dover	8	4	1	3	12	9	13
Woking	8	3	4	1	10	8	13
Cheltenham	7	4	1	2	11	10	13
Farnborough	9	4	1	4	14	17	13
Hednesford	7	3	3	1	11	9	12
Hereford	9	3	3	3	13	14	12
Welling	8	3	2	3	10	12	11
Stevenage	8	3	2	3	9	12	11
Hayes	8	3	1	4	13	11	10
Northwich	7	2	4	1	8	7	10
Yeovil	6	3	0	3	9	8	9
Telford	7	2	2	3	8	11	8
Slough	8	2	2	4	12	16	8
Rushden & D	8	2	2	4	11	16	8
Stalybridge	7	2	1	4	9	7	7
Leek Town	8	1	4	3	8	14	7
Gateshead	7	1	3	3	13	16	6
Kidderminster	7	1	3	3	5	10	6
Kettering	9	0	4	4	8	13	4

FA CUP: First round qualifying: Knypersley Vic 1 Atherstone Utd 0; Bedford Utd 0 Kingstonian 5.
Part One: Gateshead 2 Matlock Tn 0; Billingham Syn 0 Maine Road 0; South Shields 3 Skelmersdale Utd 0; Witton Alb 0 Gainsborough Trin 5; Halifax Tn 4 Droylsden 1; Burscough 3 Bedlington Terriers 3; Denaby Utd 2 Ossett Tn 3; Leigh RMI 1 Accrington Stanley 0; Chorley 3 Pontefract Collieries 1; Ilkeston Tn 3 Rossendale Utd 0; Warrington Tn 1 RTM Newcastle 2; Radcliffe Bor 1 Bishop Auckland 3; Whitby Tn 5 Netherfield 2; Billingham Tn 0 Arnold Tn 1; Whitley Bay 0 Shotton Comrades 0; Winsford Utd 1 Leek Tn 0; Hyde Utd 3 Louth Utd 0; Darwen 1 Ryhope CA 2; Gt Harwood Tn 1 St Helens Tn 1; Lancaster C 2 Consett 2; Bootle 2 Belper Tn 3; Eccleshill Utd 1 Parkgate 2; Workington 0 Emley 3; Frickley Ath 3 Morpeth Tn 3; Gretna 3 Mossley 0; Liversedge 3 Stocksbridge Pk Steels 3; North Ferriby Utd 2 Barrow 1; Newcastle Tn 3 Garforth Tn 5; Brigg Tn 3 Hucknall Tn 0; Worksop Tn 4 Oldham Tn 2; Spennymoor Utd 1 Blyth Spartans 1; Bamber Bridge 1 Dunston Fed Brewery 1; Clitheroe 4 Jarrow Roofing Boldon CA 3; Staveley MW 1 Lincoln Utd 5; Marine 1 Ashton Utd 0; Guiseley 3 Alfreton Tn 0; Heanor Tn 1 Penrith 2; Harrogate Tn 2 Easington Colliery 2; Ashington 0 Farsley Celtic 2; Telford Utd 1 Bedworth Utd 2; Pershore Tn 0 Stourbridge 7; Bridgnorth Tn 1 Desborough Tn 1; Bury Tn 1 Nuneaton Bor 2; Kettering Tn 1 Mirrlees Blackstone 0; Gt Yarmouth Tn 2 Banbury Utd 1; Hinckley Utd 5 Stewarts & Lloyds 0; Shepshed Dynamo 0 Cambridge C 3; Sudbury Wndrs 3 Stafford Rngrs 0; Brackley Tn 4 Stapenhill 0; Rocester 3 Stowmarket Tn 2.
Part Two: Tamworth 1 Bromsgrove Rvrs 2; Raunds Tn 2 Spalding Utd 4; Lye Tn 2 Lowestoft Tn 3; Holbeach Utd 3 Gresley Rvrs 6; Rothwell Tn 2 Corby Tn 1; Racing Club Warwick 1 Redditch Utd 2; Barwell 1 Willenhall Tn 2; Felixstowe Port & Tn 2 Halesowen Tn 5; Moor Green 0 Bilston Tn 2; Histon 1 Newmarket Tn 3; Diss Tn 0 VS Rugby 1; Bourne Tn 1 Kings Lynn 3; Northampton Spencer 1 Woodbridge Tn 1; Boldmere St Michaels 1 Wroxham 0; Halesowen Harriers 0 Grantham Tn 1; Whyteleafe 3 Crawley Tn 2; Marlow 2 Littlehampton Tn 2; Flackwell Hth 1 East Thurrock Utd 0; Chertsey Hth 1 Heybridge Swifts 1; St Leonards Stamcroft 1 Bishop'S Stortford 0; Gt Wakering Rvrs 1 Grays Ath 2; Banstead Ath 2 Camberley Tn 2; Brimsdown Rvrs 1 Canvey Island 2; Hitchin Tn 0 Bognor Regis Tn 2; Croydon 2 Horsham 1; Aveley 2 Chichester C 1; Burnham Ramblers 0 Hastings Tn 1; Sittingbourne 5 Molesey 0; Langney Sports 2 Leatherhead 1; Burnham 1 Dorking 3; Concord Rngrs 0 Purfleet 1; Welling Utd 3 Leyton Pennant 0; Tonbridge 1 Ware 0; Canterbury C 1 Worthing 1; Cheshunt 0 Sutton Utd 4; Walton & Hersham 2 Hampton 0; Tilbury 3 Wick 1. Leighton Tn 1 Wingate & Finchley 2; Baldock Tn 0 Slough Tn 0; Uxbridge 0 Dover Ath 2; Harlow Tn 0 Met Police 2; Croydon Ath 0 Wivenhoe Tn 4; Gravesend & Northfleet 3 Braintree Tn 3; Hillingdon Bor 0 Windsor & Eton 2; Barton Rvrs 1 Clapton 0; Bedfont 2 Chesham Utd 4; Margate 5 Bracknell Tn 0; Portfield 2 Viking Sports 1; Berkhamsted Tn 1 Deal Tn 1.
Part Three: Burgess Hill Tn 1 Harrow Bor 2; Yeading 4 Chelmsford C 2; Oakwood 0 Potton Utd 1; Hythe Utd 4 Romford 7; Clacton Tn 2 Stansted 7; Edgware Tn 2 Aylesbury Utd 5; Wembley 3 Whitehawk 1; Fisher Ath 5 Wootton BC 0; Harwich Parkeston 1 Carshalton Ath 1; Tooting & Mitcham Utd 1 Billericay Tn 2; Ruislip Manor 4 Shoreham 1; Arundel 1 Erith & Belvedere 4; Bedford Tn 1 Dulwich Hamlet 1; Herne Bay 1 Dartford 2; Barking 4 Arlesey Tn 1; Hanwell Tn 3 Saltdean Utd 2; Marthyr Tydfil 7 Brockenhurst 2; Bridgwater Tn 1 Abingdon Tn 1; Tuffley Rvrs 1 Paulton Rvrs 3; Thatcham Tn 0 Cheltenham Tn 1; Worcester C 3 Lymington 2; Chippenham Tn 3 Bashley 2; Wokingham Tn 1 Westfields 1; Yeovil Tn 1 Witney Tn 1; Oxford C 1 Dorchester Tn 1; St Blazey 0 Tiverton Tn 2; Odd Down 1 Wimborne Tn 4; Downton 0 Forest Green Rvrs 4; Havant Tn 1 Basingstoke Tn 1; Hungerford Tn 1 Fleet Tn 4; Clevedon Tn 1 Calne Tn 1; Bideford 0 Bath C 2; Salisbury C 3 Chard Tn 0; Buckingham Tn 1 Gosport Bor 1; Taunton Tn 3 Newport 2; Weston-Super-Mare 1 Cinderford Tn 4; Gloucester C 3 Mangotsfield Utd 0; Carterton Tn 0 Portsmouth RN 1; Melksham Tn 1 Waterlooville 2; Newport (IoW) 2 Aldershot Tn 1.
PRESS & JOURNAL HIGHLAND LEAGUE: Clachnacuddin 2 Huntly 3; Deveronvale 1 Lossiemouth 3; Fort William 0 Buckie Thistle 3; Fraserburgh 2 Rothes 0; Keith 0 Brora Rngrs 2. **Tennents League Cup: Final:** Cove Rngrs 0 Elgin C 1.
FAI NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier: Cork C 2 Derry C 0; UCD 1 Kilkenny C 2. **Saturday:** Finn Harps 1 St Patricks Ath 2; Shelbourne 5 Drogheda Utd 0; Sligo Rvrs 3 Dundalk 3.
IRISH LEAGUE: Premier: Linfield 0 Ballymena 0; Cliftonville 1 Glenavon 1; Crusaders 1 Coleraine 3; Glentoran 3 Ards 0; Portadown 3 Omagh Tn 1.

Foreign football

ITALY

Bologna	2	Internazionale	4
Fiorentina	3	Bari	1
Napoli	2	Empoli	1
AC Parma	2	Atalanta	2
Vicenza	3	Piacenza	2
Saturday			
AC Milan	1	Lazio	1
Lecce	1	Udinese	2
Brescia	3	Sampdoria	3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Internazionale	2	2	0	0	6	3	6
Fiorentina	2	2	0	0	6	3	6
Atalanta	2	1	1	0	6	4	4
Parma	2	1	1	0	4	2	4
Lazio	2	1	1	0	3	1	4
Sampdoria	2	1	1	0	5	4	4
*Roma	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
*Juventus	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Udinese	2	1	0	1	4	4	3
Vicenza	2	1	0	1	4	4	3
Napoli	2	1	0	1	2	3	3
Milan	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Brescia	2	0	1	1	4	5	1
Piacenza	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
Empoli	2	0	0	2	2	5	0
Lecce	2	0	0	2	1	4	0
Bologna	2	0	0	2	4	8	0
Bari	2	0	0	2	1	5	0

*Not including late match

SPANISH LEAGUE: Saturday: Barcelona 2 Deportivo Coruna 1; Real Madrid 2 Real Sociedad 0; Athletic Bilbao 1 Atletico Madrid 0; Valladolid 1 Salamanca 2. **Leading standings:** 1 Barcelona P3, Pts9; 2 Real Madrid 3–7; 3 Atletico Madrid 3–4.
GERMAN LEAGUE: Kaiserslautern 4 Stuttgart 3. **Saturday:** Wolfsburg 0 Schalke 0; B Dortmund 2 Karlsruhe 2; Duisburg 2 Werder Bremen 1; Bayer Leverkusen 2 1860 Munich 2; Bayern Munich 3 Hertha Berlin 0; B Mnchngldbch 2 Bochum 1. **Friday:** Arminia Bielefeld 0 Hansa Rostock 1; Hamburg 2 Cologne 1. **Leading standings:** 1 Kaiserslautern P6, Pts16; 2 Bayern Munich 6–13; 3 Hansa Rostock 6–10.
DUTCH LEAGUE: Graafschap Doetinchem 0 NAC Breda 1; Feyenoord 1 PSV Eindhoven 1. **Saturday:** NEC Nijmegen 1 Twente Enschede 2; Willem II Tilburg 0 Fortuna Sittard 0; Sparta Rotterdam 5 Volendam 0; Vitesse Arnhem 5 Utrecht 0. **Friday:** MVV Maastricht 1 Roda JC Kerkrade 2; Ajax Amsterdam 4 Groningen 1. **Leading standings:** 1 Ajax Amsterdam P5, Pts15; 2 Feyenoord 5–11; 3 Twente Enschede 5–11.
PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Varzim 1 Leca 0; Maritimo 2 Campomaiorense 1; Salgueiros 1 Setubal 1; Boavista 1 Rio Ave 2; Belenenses 0 Farense 3. **Saturday:** Porto 4 Estrela Amadora 0; Benfica 1 Academica Coimbra 1. **Friday:** Chaves 1 Braga 2; Guimaraes 1 Sporting 0. **Leading standings:** 1 Porto P3, Pts9; 2 Guimaraes 3–9; 3 Maritimo 3–7.
BELGIAN LEAGUE: Saturday: Excelsior Mouscron 0 Germinal Ekeren 1; Charleroi 2 Lokeren 0; Beveren 2 Westerlo 0; RWD Molenbeek 2 Sint-Truiden 0; Lierse 1 Lommel 4; Genk 3 Aalst 2; Ghent 0 Harelbeke 0. **Postponed:** Antwerp v Club Bruges. **Friday:** Standard Liege 1 Anderlecht 2. **Leading standings:** 1 Genk P5, Pts15; 2 Lommel 5–13; 3 Club Bruges 4–12.

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Rovers' first defeat under Hodgson

Getting ahead . . . Robert Molenaar, scorer of Leeds's second goal in the sixth minute, hurtles above Blackburn's falling Chris Sutton in a frantic first half at Ewood Park yesterday PHOTOGRAPH: NEAL SIMPSON

Premiership: Blackburn Rovers 3, Leeds United 4

Leeds give it the full Monty

David Lacey

BLACKBURN Rovers' hopes of resuming the game of leapfrog with Manchester United at the top of the Premiership that eventually brought the championship to Ewood Park three seasons ago stalled yesterday when they lost a frenetic bout of snakes and ladders to Leeds United.

For the second time this season Ewood Park found itself knee-deep in goals, all seven arriving in the opening 32 minutes. Three weeks earlier Blackburn led Sheffield Wednesday 5–1 at half-time and went on to win 7–2. Yesterday Leeds, having established a 4–3 lead, organised themselves better defensively in the second half, especially during the last 12 minutes after Harry Kewell, their 18-year-old Australian winger, was sent off.

Blackburn's defeat under Roy Hodgson leaves them in second place, three points behind United. Leeds have shot up from 17th to ninth after ending a run of three defeats, and no goals scored, with an imaginative performance to mark George Graham's first year in charge.

Had the game continued in the vein of the opening half-hour the result would have looked more like a rugby score. In this period the defending was inept, bringing to mind Monty Python's match between Gynaecologists and Treasure Island, the latter consisting of Long John Silvers standing on one leg.

The shortcomings at the back were even more ruthlessly exposed by quick, skilful forwards who could dart between wooden defenders — Rod Wallace and Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink for Leeds, Martin Dahlin and Kevin Gallacher for Blackburn.

The eccentricities of the defending were at times reflected in the refereeing of Steve Dunn, who seemed far readier to book and dismiss players than award some of the season's more obvious penalties. Perversely, the one Dunn gave was more questionable than those he refused.

The match had a grim little cameo involving Robert Molenaar, Leeds's Dutch defender, and Chris Sutton. Molenaar, built like a chucker-out at one of Amsterdam's dodgier nightclubs, fouled Sutton consistently and was eventually cautioned a few seconds after hurting a knee in a tackle with the same player. Molenaar stayed off for the second half. Had he stayed on Leeds would surely have been a man short.

Both teams were committed to attack. Yet the freedom with which the goals were swapped did nothing to dispel the feeling that much of the defending in the Premiership is way below the standards of the old First Division.

Nevertheless, the spectacle was entertaining in its madcap way and several of the goals were superbly taken. Only the first, which arrived in the third minute when Wallace pounced after Tim Flowers failed to hold Hasselbaink's downward header, could even be partly blamed on a goalkeeper, and the crossfield pass from Gunnar Halle sending Kewell to the left-hand byline for the centre was memorable in itself.

Poor Blackburn marking at a corner allowed Molenaar to increase Leeds's lead three minutes later, but the Dutchman's half-volley was excellent. Within a minute Gallacher met Molenaar's clearance to beat Nigel Martyn with a resounding 30-yard shot. On the quarter-hour Molenaar appeared, for once, to be the innocent party as Dahlin fell over trying to turn him. But the penalty was given and Sutton brought the scores level. Later, fouls in the area on Dahlin, by Halle and Molenaar, along with Colin Hendry's trip on Wallace, at the other end, went unpunished.

In the 17th minute Kewell's run at the Blackburn defence left Wallace to regain the lead for Leeds with another outstanding shot. Five minutes after that Hasselbaink drew the defence on to him as one man before slipping the ball to an unmarked David Hopkin, who restored his team's two-goal lead.

When Dahlin scored Blackburn's third two minutes past the half-hour, spinning off Molenaar to beat Martyn, Ewood began anticipating a famous Blackburn victory. But with Lucas Radebe back alongside David Wetherall in defence, Leeds looked much tighter at the back.

Even after Kewell, harshly booked in the first half for a foul on Gallacher, was dismissed for time-wasting at a free-kick, Blackburn still could not open up Leeds as they had done earlier.

Spot on . . . Chris Sutton scores from a penalty for Blackburn PHOTOGRAPH: DAVID DAVIES

Warming up for Europe

Ten British sides — seven English, three Scottish — set out their stall in the three European competitions this week. The last league matches before the big test highlight, in most cases, a measure of optimism.

- **Arsenal** - Uefa Cup, away to PAOK Salonika, tomorrow. Saturday: beat Bolton 4-1 at home.
- **Aston Villa** - Uefa Cup, away to Bordeaux, tomorrow. Saturday: beat Barnsley 3-0 away.
- **Liverpool** - Uefa Cup, away to Celtic, tomorrow. Saturday: beat Sheffield Wednesday 2-1 at home.
- **Celtic** - Uefa Cup, home to Liverpool, tomorrow. Saturday: beat Motherwell 3-2 away.
- **Leicester City** - Uefa Cup, away to Atletico Madrid, tomorrow. Saturday: beat Tottenham 3-0 at home.
- **Rangers** - Uefa Cup, home to Strasbourg, tomorrow. Saturday: drew 3-3 with Aberdeen at home.
- **Manchester United** - Champions League, away to Kosice, Wednesday. Saturday: beat West Ham 2-1 at home.
- **Newcastle United** - Champions League, home to Barcelona, Wednesday. Saturday: lost to Wimbledon 3-1 at home.
- **Chelsea** - Cup-Winners Cup, home to Slovan Bratislava, Thursday. Saturday: beat Crystal Palace 3-0, away.
- **Kilmarnock** - Cup-Winners Cup, away to Nice, Thursday. Saturday: beat Dundee United 2-1, away.

Heavy defeat adds to Kent's misery

KENT's seven-wicket defeat at Headingley yesterday allowed Warwickshire to sneak past and claim the Axa Sunday League title. Allan Donald starred in what seems his final match for Warwickshire, grabbing four wickets for 24 to secure a 71-run victory against Gloucestershire and his county's seventh domestic title in five seasons.

Kent have enjoyed better weekends. They were overtaken by Glamorgan at the top of the County Championship after being fortunate to escape with a draw against Yorkshire in the penultimate round on Saturday. And yesterday Yorkshire's Australian import Darren Lehmann hit an unbeaten 78 to snatch the league title from their grasp.

Donald, due to fly back to South Africa tonight to prepare for the tour of Pakistan, said he hoped he might be back as the club's overseas player after the 1999 World Cup, though the title triumph may be his swansong.

Donald, who joined the county as a 20-year-old in 1987, said: "This was a special day for me, and for the team, after our disappointment in last week's NatWest final. It was an honour for me to be able to take that last wicket.

"I really hope I can come back and play, possibly with a benefit in 1999 too," added Donald, whose wife comes from Birmingham, where he has made his home.

"But a lot of time has to pass before then and who knows what the future will bring. If I don't actually come back to play I hope I can still continue to be involved in a coaching capacity or something.

"The crowd were very passionate today and I've thoroughly enjoyed my 10 years here. It has been fantastic, the last five years especially.

"I really hope I can come back and play, possibly with a benefit in 1999 too. But a lot of time has to pass before then and who knows what the future will bring."

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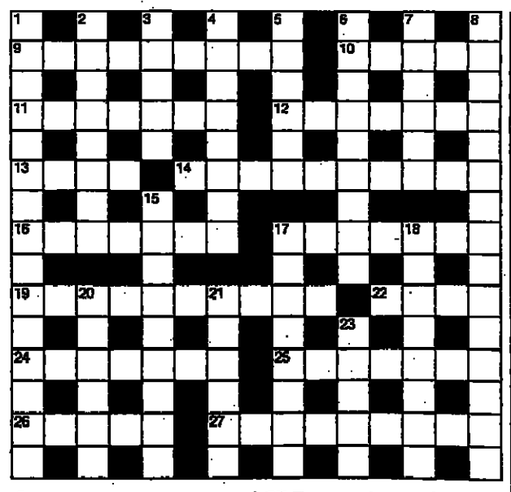

Across

9 Note hip seams split by stress (9)
10 Makers of song sheets, we hear (5)
11 Immature timber from which palings may be made (7)
12 You're probably surprised when it goes up (7)
13 Close tight (4)
14 Lunatic relatives may be a potential hazard (6,4)
16 Still getting in late, showing childish habits (7)
17 It describes events of world-shaking importance (7)
19 Rising — or just turning over? (10)
22 An outside number that's unidentified (4)
24 Heaven is covered transport in a rainstorm (7)
25 Two ways to regard an informal survey (4-3)
26 Unsuitable description of those in poor health (5)
27 A craft based on fundamental duplicity (9)

Down

1 He makes an example of one (8,7)
2 Oriental involved in happy festival (8)
3 Blame one put on the head of Dean Swift (5)
4 Cadger is source of shame (8)
5 A steep fluctuation in currency (6)
6 Catechism put out in diagrammatic form (9)
7 Where Desert Rats went to drink, say? (6)
8 Increasing anxieties expressed in nurseries (7,8)
15 It might be the last straw for loyal supporters (9)
17 Author takes fish without permit (8)
18 Short skirts tempt the clergy! (8)
20 Check provided in extreme case (6)
21 The roof covering yonder church (6)
23 Writer writing odes (5)

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